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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*; begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the Second Monday in *January*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, and Thirteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T.

The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JAMES BARKER, Esq;

SOLOMON DROWN, Esq;

DAVID HARRIS, Esq;

THOMAS WICKES, Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

JOHN CONGDON, Esq;

ROWLAND ROBINSON, Esq;

WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

} Assistants.

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES



## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*, Speaker.

## NEWPORT:

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;  
 Mr. John Wanton, (*Son of Gideon*)  
 George Hazard, *Esq*;  
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq*;  
 Mr. Thomas Freebody.

## PROVIDENCE:

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*;  
 Thomas Greene, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Benjamin Man,  
 Mr. John Jenckes.

## PORTSMOUTH:

Mr. Joseph Cundall,  
 Mr. Jonathan Brownell.

## WARWICK:

Mr. Benjamin Greene,  
 James Arnold, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Jacob Greene,  
 William Greene, *Esq*.

## WESTERLY:

Mr. James Rhodes,  
 Mr. Phineas Clarke.

## NEW-SHOREHAM:

Mr. John Sands.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

Peter Phillips, *Esq*;  
 John Northup, *Esq*.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Rose, *Esq*;  
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## EAST-GREENWICH:

Sylvester Sweet, *Esq*;  
 Thomas Tillinghaft, *Esq*.

## JAMESTOWN:

Mr. John Gardner.

## SMITHFIELD:

Samuel Winfor, *Esq*;  
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## SCITUATE:

Ezekiel Cornell, *Esq*;  
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## GLOUCESTER:

Rufus Smith, *Esq*.

## CHARLESTOWN:

Mr. Samuel Kinyon,  
 Stephen Perry, *Esq*.

## WEST GREENWICH:

William Nichols, *Esq*;  
 Mr. Thomas Gorton.

## COVENTRY:

Mr. Nathaniel Greene, *jun*.  
 Mr. Israel Bowen.

## EXETER:

George Pierce, *Esq*;  
 Jeffery Wilcox, *Esq*.

## MIDDLETOWN:

Mr. Nicholas Easton.

## BRISTOL: None.

## TIVERTON:

None.

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

Thomas Church, *Esq*.

## WARREN:

Sylvester Child, *Esq*;  
 Nathan Miller, *Esq*.

## CUMBERLAND:

None.

## RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, *Esq*;  
 Robert Stanton, *Esq*.

## CRANSTON:

John Andrews, *Esq*;  
 William Dexter, *Esq*.

## HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq*;  
 Mr. Zaccheus Reynolds.

## JOHNSTON:

Edward Fenner, *Esq*.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Capt. Esek Hopkins.

## BARRINGTON:

Mr. Thomas Allen.

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq*, Clerk of the Lower House.

**W**HEREAS Mr. *George Rome* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Two Hundred Weight of Powder, supplied for the Use of *Fort-George* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that Fourteen Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Rome* out of the General Treasury.

*G. Rome allowed £. 14 8 0.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Eseck Hopkins* and *John Jenckes* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Account of *Paul Tew*, Esq; with the Colony : And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to audit *P. Tew's* Account.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed at the last Session, to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, &c. be, and they are hereby, continued a Committee for that Purpose : And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer.



AN ACT in, Addition to the Act, entitled, " An Act for the more effectual repairing the Highways in this Colony."

Act in Addition to the Act for the more effectual repairing the Highways.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, *It is Enacted*, That when, and as often as, any Highways in this Colony shall be so far neglected by the Surveyor, within whose proper District the same shall lie, that the same shall want mending and repairing, it shall, and may be lawful for any Freeholder in the Colony to complain thereof, to any Justice of Peace, living in the Town where such Highway shall lie, or, in Case there shall be no Justice of the Peace in said Town, to complain to any One of the Justices of the Superior or Inferior Courts in this Colony, who are hereby invested with the same Authority, as the Justices of the Peace are by the said Act invested.

An

Act to prevent Fish being interrupted in Mill-Cove.

An ACT to prevent the Fish being interrupted in their Course up *Mill-Cove*, in *Warwick*.

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of the Town of *Warwick*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that the Fish called Alewives, have for many Years had a free Course up the Cove, in *Warwick*, aforesaid, called the *Mill-Cove*, and so into a large Pond, at a small Distance therefrom, whereby the Inhabitants of said Town have been greatly benefited : But that of late Years, People have got into the Practice of drawing Seines in the said Cove, which, if not prevented, will intirely obstruct the Course of the Fish up said Cove, to the great Hurt of many poor People, who make Dependance upon the said Fish, for a Living :

BE it therefore Enacted, by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That no Seine shall hereafter be drawn or Set, any where in the said Cove, nor from the Mouth thereof, to the Pond of Fresh Water, into which the said Fish pass, in going up the said Cove, under the same Restrictions and Penalties, as are provided with regard to setting and drawing Seines in *Pawtuxet-River*.

Committee to audit *W. Chaloners*'s Account.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed at the last Session, to audit the Accounts of *Walter Chaloners*, Esq; with the Colony, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, continued a Committee for that Purpose : And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

*E. Gardner's* Petition to be reconsidered.

WHEREAS *Stephen Hassard*, & *Daniel Rodman*, Esqrs. who were appointed a Committee to examine the Facts set forth in *Ephraim Gardner's* Petition, did make Report to this Assembly, at the Session in August last, that it appeared to them that the said *Ephraim Gardner* had twice paid the Money due from him to the Colony by a Mortgage : Which Report being not sufficiently intelligible, It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Affair be recommitted to the said Committee, who are to make a more explicit Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That, for the future, whenever any Person shall be tried for a Criminal Offence, that a Bill of Cost shall be drawn, examined and taxed, as well when the Person shall be found not guilty, as when found guilty, and in the same Manner : And that when the Person shall be found not guilty, the Cost shall be paid out of the General Treasury. Any Law or Act of the General Assembly to the contrary hereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

Costs to be  
taxed in all  
Criminal Cases.

WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of the General Assembly, Proclamations, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Seven Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Seven Pence, Half-Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Southwick*  
allowed £. 7.  
17 7½.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer*, (Son of *Abner*) exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for cleaning the Court-House, in the County of *Kent*, and providing Sand : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Four Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General Treasury.

*T. Spencer* allowed 4s. 6d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business, lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be delivered to the several Town-Clerks, in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby

Adjourn-  
ment.

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is,

*January, 1773.*

is, adjourned until the First Monday in *May* next, at *Newport*, if called ; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

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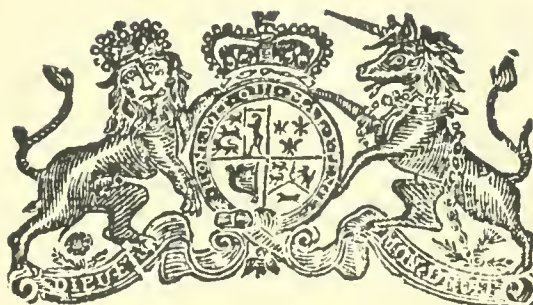






May, 1773.

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*Joseph Wanton*, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

SAMUEL DYRE Esq;

JAMES BARKER, Esq;

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The S E C R E T A R Y.

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May, 1773.

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## NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Wanton, (Son of *Gideon*)  
 George Hazard, *Esq*;  
*Joseph* Wanton, *jun. Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Read,  
*Mr.* Thomas Freebody.

## PROVIDENCE :

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Benjamin Man,  
*Mr.* John Jenckes,  
*Mr.* John Smith.

## PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*;  
*John* Jepson, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Jonathan Brownell.

## WARWICK :

*Mr.* Benjamin Greene,  
*William* Greene, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Jacob Greene,  
*Mr.* John Low.

## WESTERLY :

*Joshua* Babcock, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* James Rhodes.

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

*Mr.* John Littlefield,  
*Mr.* John Sands.

## NORTH-KINOSTOWN :

Peter Phillips, *Esq*;  
*John* Northup, *Esq*.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

*John* Rose, *Esq*;  
*Daniel* Rodman, *Esq*.

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Preserved Pearce, *Esq*;  
*Thomas* Tillinghast, *Esq*.

## JAMESTOWN :

*Mr.* John Gardner,  
*Capt.* Samuel Slocum.

## SMITHFIELD :

*Daniel* Mowry, *jun. Esq*;  
*Capt.* Jonathan Arnold.

## SCITUATE :

*Mr.* William West,  
*Mr.* Rufus Hopkins.

## GLOUCESTER :

*Mr.* Solomon Owen,  
*Caleb* Arnold, *Esq*.

## CHARLESTOWN :

*Sylvester* Robinson, *Esq*;  
*Stephen* Perry, *Esq*.

## WEST-GREENWICH :

*William* Nichols, *Esq*;  
*Thomas* Gorton, *Esq*.

## COVENTRY :

*Mr.* Israel Bowen,  
*Mr.* Caleb Vaughan.

## EXETER :

*Jeffery* Wilcox, *Esq*.

## MIDDLETOWN :

*Mr.* Nicholas Easton,  
*Mr.* Isaac Smith.

## BRISTOL :

*Simeon* Potter, *Esq*;  
*William* Bradford, *Esq*.

## TIVERTON :

*Edward* Gray, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Thomas Cory.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

*Thomas* Church, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Daniel Wilbur.

## WARREN :

*Sylvester* Child, *Esq*;  
*Nathan* Miller, *Esq*.

## CUMBERLAND :

*John* Dexter, *Esq*;  
*Nathaniel* Shepperdson, *Esq*.

## RICHMOND :

*Robert* Stanton, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Caleb Barber.

## CRANSTON :

*Richard* Searle, *Esq*;  
*Christopher* Lippitt, *Esq*.

## HOPKINTON :

*Zaccheus* Reynold, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Jesse Maxson.

## JOHNSTON :

*Richard* Eddy, *Esq*;  
*Caleb* Harris, *Esq*.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

*Capt.* Esck Hopkins,  
*Thomas* Olney, *Esq*.

## BARRINGTON :

*Nathaniel* Martin, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Thomas Allen.

*The Hon.* METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*, was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS  
 LYNDON, *Esq*, Clerk, of the Lower House.



**T**HIS being the anniversary Election of Officers, Officers cho-  
both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose <sup>tea.</sup>  
Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen  
to serve the Colony, in the Offices ascribed to their re-  
spective Names, *to wit* :

The Hon. JOSEPH WANTON, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Hon. DARIUS SESSIONS, Esq; Dep. Gov. Engaged.

Samuel Dyre, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

James Barker, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

Solomon Drown, Esq; Third Assistant.

David Harris, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

John Almy, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Wickes, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Jonathan Randall, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

John Congdon, Esq; Eighth Assistant.

Rowland Robinson, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

William Richmond, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

Henry Marchant, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General Treasurer. Engaged.

Stephen Hopkins, Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delive- ry, in and throughout the Colony.
James Helme, Esq;	Second	
Metcalf Bowler, Esq;	Third	
Stephen Potter, Esq;	Fourth	
Job Bennet, Esq;	Fifth	

Daniel Dunbam, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Mi-  
litia in the County of *Newport*.

Knight Dexter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Mili-  
tia in the County of *Providence*.

Thomas Gardner, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Mi-  
litia in the County of *King's-County*.

Simeon Potter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia  
in the County of *Bristol*.

John Waterman, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Mi-  
litia in the County of *Kent*.

Isaac Dayton, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment  
of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Abrabam Winsor, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regi-  
ment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Moses*

*Moses Barber*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

*Nathaniel Martin*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*Aaron Bowen*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*John Forrester*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Cbad Brown*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Jonatban Vaughan*. Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

*Thomas Gray*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*Benjamin Vaughan*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

<i>George Hazard</i> , Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> .
<i>Jonath. Freeborn</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>William Stoddard</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Thomas Church</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Benjamin Underwood</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

<i>Daniel Jenckes</i> , Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> .
<i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Job Randall</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Jeremiab Whipple</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Caleb Aldrich</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

<i>William Potter</i> , Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's-County</i> .
<i>Joseph Hazard</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Simeon Perry</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Sylvester Robinson</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>John Nortbup</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

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<i>James Brown</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Martin Lutber</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Josiab Humphry</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

<i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> .
<i>Thomas Aldrich</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Stephen Arnold</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>William Nichols</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>James Arnold, jun.</i> Esq;	Fifth	

*John*

*John Grelea*, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

*Arthur Fenner*, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

*Daniel Rodman*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

*Jonatban Russell*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

*Hopkins Cook*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

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*Stephen Hassard*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

*Daniel Bradford*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

*Daniel Howland*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

*Walter Chalonier*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

*Paul Tew*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

*Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*.

*John Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

*Henry Rice*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

*Edward Thurston*, *John Jepson*, *Samuel Chace* and *James Arnold*,  
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May, 1773.

*Arnold, jun. Esqrs.* the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, for signing Bills of Public Credit.

And the aforesaid *Edward Thurston* is chosen, and specially appointed, to take, and have the Care and Charge of, the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds for Tenths, and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon, and also to make proper Acquittances, and Discharges, upon the Mortgages, or otherwise, when he receives any of the Colony's Money: And in Case of Non-Payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as refuse or neglect to make due Payment.

And the same *Edward Thurston* is chosen General Sealer of Weights and Measures, throughout the Colony.

*Samuel Chace, Esq;* Public Notary, for the Town and County of *Providence*.

#### JUSTICES of the PEACE in the several Towns:

##### NEWPORT :

Martin Howard,  
Charles Bardin,  
Henry Ward,  
Barnabas Hargill,  
Samuel Bours,  
Robert Taylor, (*Son of*  
Peter)

John Grelea, *jun.*  
John Davis,  
Jonathan Easton,  
James Milward,  
Daniel Dunham,  
Jonathan Rogers,  
John Pitman,  
James Tew, *jun.*  
James Carpenter,  
Thomas Hamand,  
James Clarke, *Esqrs.*

PROVIDENCE :  
Samuel Chace,

John Foster,  
David Wilkinson,  
Joseph Nash,  
Samuel Butler,  
Jabez Bowen,  
Theodore Foster, *Esqrs.*

##### PORTSMOUTH :

John Shearman,  
Robert Dennis,  
Thomas Shearman, *Esqrs.*

##### WARWICK :

Ebenezer Slocum,  
John Greene,  
Thomas Rice,  
Robert Rhodes,  
Adam Comstock, *Esqrs.*

##### WESTERLY :

Joseph Crandall,  
Oliver Crarey,  
William Babcock,  
Joseph Noyes,

Humphry

Humphry Taylor,  
John Burdick, (*the Second*)  
Joseph Clarke,  
Stephen Saunders,  
Phinehas Clarke, *Esqrs.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

William Hammond,  
Thomas Allen, *jun.*  
George Thomas, (*Son of*  
Samuel)

Benjamin Jefferson,  
Eber Shearman,  
Caleb Hill,  
Robert Hall, (*Son of*  
William)

Samuel Hunt, *jun. Esqrs.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

John Sheldon,  
Freeman Perry,  
Ray Sands,  
Nathaniel Gardner,  
Immanuel Case,  
James Parker,  
Samuel Perry, *Esqrs.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Cafey,  
Hopkins Cook,  
Pardon Mawney,  
William Pierce,  
Alexander Nichols, *Esqrs.*

SMITHFIELD :

John Sayles, *jun.*  
Stephen Arnold,  
Daniel Smith, (*Son of*  
*Elisha*)

William Winfor,  
Benjamin Smith, *jun. Esqrs.*

SCITUATE :

Ezekiel Cornell,  
Jeremiah Angell,  
Oliver Westcot,

Thomas Brown,  
Thomas Hill,  
Josiah Colvin,  
Peleg Fisk,  
Thomas Harris, *Esqrs.*

GLOUCESTER :

Timothy Wilmarth,  
Silas Williams,  
Jonathan Harris,  
Israel Arnold,  
Zebedee Hopkins, *jun.*  
Caleb Arnold,  
Moses Cooper,  
Abraham Waterman,  
(*Esqrs.*)

CHARLESTOWN :

Peleg Crofs,  
Job Taylor,  
Stephen Perry,  
Tobias Saunders,  
Jonathan Hazard, *Esqrs.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Job Spencer,  
Judiah Aylworth,  
Gideon Tripp,  
Thomas Tillinghast,  
Thomas Gorton, *Esqrs.*

COVENTRY :

John Rice,  
Samuel Wall,  
Joseph Whipple, *Esqrs.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Joseph Peabody,  
John Barker,  
Thomas Peckham, *Esqrs.*

BRISTOL :

William Hoar,  
Daniel Bradford, *Esqrs.*

TIVERTON :

John Bowen,  
Walter Cook,

Oliver



May, 1773.

Oliver Cook,  
Joseph Tabor, *jun. Esqrs.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Israel Stoddard,  
Aaron Wilbur,  
Philip Taylor,  
John Peckham, *Esqrs.*

WARREN :

John Kinnicut,  
William Turner Miller,  
Robert Carr, *Esqrs.*

CUMBERLAND :

John Dexter,  
Joseph Brown,  
Peter Darling,  
Nath. Shepperdson, *Esqrs.*

RICHMOND :

Edward Perry,  
George Webb,  
Robert Stanton, *Esqrs.*

CRANSTON :

Thomas Potter,  
Anthony Aborn,  
Christopher Lippitt,

John King, (*Son of Jonathan*) *Esqrs.*

HOPKINTON :

John Maxson, *jun.*  
Thomas Wells, *jun.*  
Nathan Burdick,  
Edward Wells,  
David Randall,  
Zaccheus Reynolds, *jun.*  
(*Esqrs.*)

JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap,  
Noah Matthewson,  
Josiah King,  
Peter Williams,  
Andrew Harris, *Esqrs.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Edward Tripp,  
Thomas Whipple,  
Jonathan Jenckes,  
Hope Angell, *Esqrs.*

BARRINGTON :

Solomon Townsend, *jun.*  
Moses Tyler.  
James Brown, *jun. Esqrs.*

*Thomas George, Captain of Fort-George.*

*Newman Perkins, Esq;* a Justice of the Peace, for the Town of *Exeter*, in the Room of *William Sweet, Esq;* who hath removed out of the Town ; the choice of the other Justices being continued until the next Session.

Lottery  
granted to  
build a Stee-  
ple, &c in  
*Providence.*

WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence* preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, and represented, that the Steeple of the Presbyterian, or Congregational Meeting-House in the said Town, is in so ruinous a Condition that it must immediately be taken down, and the said Meeting-House stands in Need of many other great Repairs and Alterations,  
which

which the Society of themselves are utterly unable to make : And that the Situation of the Meeting is such, that if a Tower and Steeple, with a Clock, be erected at the West End thereof, it will answer extremely well for a Town-Clock, and be also beneficial to the People who come from the adjacent Country to Market : And thereupon prayed, that a Lottery may be granted, for raising the Sum of Seven Hundred Pounds, for the Purpose of taking down the old Steeple, and erecting a Tower and Steeple, with a Clock, at the West End of the said Meeting-House, and also for the making any other Alterations, Additions, and Repairs, to and upon the said House : That Messrs. *James Greene, Samuel Nightingale, jun. Charles Keen, Paul Allen, and Nathaniel Metcalf*, all of *Providence*, may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery : And that in Case of the Death or Refusal of any of the said Directors, the Standing Committee, for the Time being, of the said Presbyterian or Congregational Society, in said *Providence*, may be empowered to appoint other Directors in their Stead and Room ; and also be further empowered to audit the Accounts of, settle with, and discharge, such Directors upon the Completion of the said Lottery :

On Consideration whereof,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions ; the Directors giving Bond for the faithful Performance of their Trust : Provided that the Colony incur no Expence in Consequence thereof.*

WHEREAS Messrs. *Ezek Hopkins* and *John Jenckes* Report upon presented unto this Assembly an Account, charged by *P. Tew's Account*, and he *Paul Tew*, Esq; against the Colony, together with the allowed £.25 following Report, to wit : 7 9½.

*Newport, May 5, 1773.*

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to audit the Account of *Paul Tew*,

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*Tew*, Esq; having examined the above Account, find due to him Twenty-five Pounds, Seven Shillings and Nine Pence, Half Penny, lawful Money; he having produced Vouchers for the same.

£. 25 7 9½

*Esek Hopkins,*  
*John Jenckes.*

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted : And that the said Sum of Twenty-five Pounds, Seven Shillings and Nine Pence, Half-penny, lawful Money, be paid the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General Treasury.

*D. Rodman*  
allowed £. 6  
18 0.

WHEREAS *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Services performed by him as One of the Persons appointed to receive and sue the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Six Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Potter* al-  
lowed £. 0  
19 6.

WHEREAS *William Potter*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Windows of the Gaol in *King's-County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

*G. Lawton*  
allowed £. 0  
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WHEREAS *Mr. George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Eleven Shillings and Two Pence, lawful Money, thereof, be allowed, and paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

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*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby, requested to write to the Agent of this Colony, and inform him, that Mr. Benjamin Mason, in Behalf of Mr. Ralph Inman, hath presented to this Assembly, a Bill of Exchange, drawn by the Agent, on the Governor and Company of this Colony, payable to said Ralph Inman, for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Sterling ; but that no Advice, respecting the said Bill, is yet come to Hand : And that his Honor the Governor be also requested to transmit to the Agent, a Copy of his last Account, as settled by this Assembly, in the Year 1770, and desire him to acquaint the Colony, whether he hath received the Balance, in full Satisfaction of said Account ; and also to desire him to transmit to this Colony his Account, commencing from his said last Account ; and to assure him, that the Balance which shall appear to be justly due to him shall be punctually paid.

Governor to write to the Agent respecting his Draught in Favour of Ralph Inman.

WHEREAS Mr. Solomon Southwick exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of this Assembly, at the Sessions held in December and January last ; for Three Quarters of a Ream of fine, gilt Paper, delivered the Secretary, for the Use of the Colony, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Solomon Southwick, out of the General Treasury.

S. Southwick allowed £. 4 15 3.

WHEREAS Mr. John Warren exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank and Boards, supplied by him, for the Court-House in Newport : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Five Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Eleven Pence, Half-penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said John Warren, out of the General Treasury.

J. Warren allowed £. 5 15 11½.

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Lawful Money Bills and Treasurer's Notes to be brought into the General Treasury in One Month.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Possessors of any lawful Money Bills, emitted by this Colony, or Treasurer's Notes given for such lawful Money Bills, be, and they are hereby, directed to bring them into the General Treasury, in Order to be discharged, within One Month from the Rising of this Assembly : That no Interest upon such Bills and Notes shall be allowed after that Time : And that the General Treasurer immediately give public Notice of this Vote in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.

Time for paying the Colony Rate prolonged, & Interest to be paid.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for paying in the last Colony Rate be lengthened to the next Session of this Assembly ; and that the Rate-gatherers collect the Interest, as well as the Principal, until paid, and pay the same into the General Treasury.

Repairs to be made at Fort George.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. Oliver Ring Warner be, and he is hereby, appointed to repair all the Platforms for the Guns at *Fort-George*, agreeable to the Directions of *John Jephson*, Esq; and Capt *Esek Hopkins* : That he also procure Six new Carriages for the Cannon that belonged to the Colony Sloop : And that he draw the Money out of the General Treasury, to pay for the same.

*W. B. Simpson* allowed  
£. 7 18 4½.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Seven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence, Half-penny, lawful Money, being the Amount of the Bill of Cost, in the Case of *George Scott*, against the Colony, be paid out of the General Treasury, to *William Brooks Simpson*, Esq; who was Attorney to the Colony.

Report upon the General Treasurer's Accounts.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq; and Messrs. *John Wanton*, (Son of *Gideon*) and *Edward Thurston*, jun. who were appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General Treasurer, with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Accounts, together with their Report thereon, as followeth, *to wit* :

Dr.



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Dr. Account Current, The Colony of *Rhode-Island*,  
&c. with *Joseph Clarke*, General Treasurer of said  
Colony.

Old Ten.

L. M.

To Cash, paid Wages,  
&c. of the Gunner  
and Soldiers, at *Fort-  
George*, since last Au-  
dit, £. 7946 5 0  
Old Tenor, equal, in  
Lawful Money, to

£. 297 19 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

To the Amount of  
Charges, against the  
Colony, contained in  
the Treasurer's Ac-  
count, kept in Al-  
phabetical Order, £. 8110 7 5

4073 10 8 $\frac{1}{4}$

To Cash, paid the Com-  
mittee, for building  
a new Gaol, in *New-  
port*,

1216 16 1

To ditto, paid the Com-  
mittee, for finishing  
the Court-House, in  
*East-Greenwich*,

88 4 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

To ditto, paid the Com-  
mittee, for repairing  
the Wharf, at *Goat-  
Island*,

75 0 0

To the Amount of petty  
Charges, since last  
Audit,

2 18 7 $\frac{1}{4}$

To Cash paid, sundry  
Orders of Assembly,

78 6 0

To Bills of Credit, of  
various Sorts, deli-  
vered the Committee,  
*March 25, 1773*,  
which they burnt, to  
wit :

Lawful Money Bills,

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Interest

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	Old Ten.	L. M.
Interest included,		5846 4 6
Crown-Point ditto, £. 3		
10 9 equal to		0 5 3½
Old Tenor ditto,	5655 4 11	
To Treasurer's Notes,		
which have been re-		
deemed by issuing o-		
ther Notes, in Lieu of		
them, which were al-		
so burnt by the Com-		
mittee, <i>to wit</i> :		
95 dated March 20,		
1767, with 3 Years		
Interest included,		£. 1010 4 10¾
75 April 10, 1767,		
with ditto,		581 19 5¾
82 May 8, 1767,		
with ditto,		554 5 4½
47 Nov. 1, 1767,		
with 2 Years ditto,		483 17 5½
69 ditto, ditto, with		
3 Years ditto,		476 18 8½
59 March 1, 1768,		
with 2 Years ditto,		204 12 8¼
37 Feb. 28, 1769,		
with ditto,		247 16 7¼
To ditto redeemed by		
Taxes, which were		
delivered to & burnt,		
by said Committee,		
1268 Notes, with		
Interest included, a-		
mounting to		15761 2 8½
To my Salary as Trea-		
surer, from May		
1770, to May 1772,		
at £. 38 0 0 per		
Annum,		76 0 0
Balanced due to the Colony,	3045. 13 7½	14377 18 5¼
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£. 16811 5 11½		
£. 45454 1 3¾		
Creditor.		

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Creditor.			Old Ten.			L. M.		
By Balance due to the Colony, per Audit, April 8, 1771.	£.15734	2	8½	£.14830	4	3½		
By the Amount of a Tax, made by Order of Assembly, August, 1771.				12000	0	0		
By the Amount of ditto, ditto, August, 1772,				12000	0	0		
By Cash, received in Part, of William Reynold's Fine,				166	1	0		
By Nathan Barber's Mortgage Deed,				300	0	0		
By Cash, received for Timothy Peckham's Fine,				100	0	0		
By Thomas Clarke's Note,				113	12	5¼		
By Cash, received for John and William James's Fine,				100	0	0		
By ditto, for Samuel Willson's ditto,				600	0	0		
By ditto, received of Beriah Brown, for an Execution against South-Kingstown,				21	9	2½		
By ditto, received of James Clarke, (Sept. 13, 1771) in Part of a Balance due from the Naval Officer,				20	14	2½		
By the Amount of Law Books and Indexes sold, since last Audit,				1	12	11¼		
By Interest, received of South-Kingstown, upon their Propor-								tion

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	Old Ten.	L. M.
tion of the Tax, made in 1769,	£. 1077 3 3	£. 68 18 11
By ditto, received of fe- veral Towns, upon their Proportions of the Tax, made in 1770,		58 18 8½
By ditto, received of ditto, upon their Pro- portions of the Tax, made in 1771,		77 3 6½
By Treasurer's Notes, which have been issu- ed since last Audit, for the Redemption of other Notes, <i>to</i> <i>wit</i> :		
23 dated <i>March</i> 20, 1770,		1010 4 10½
27 <i>April</i> 10, 1770,		581 19 5½
30 <i>May</i> 8, 1770,		554 5 4½
8 <i>Nov.</i> 1, 1769,		483 17 5½
20 <i>Nov.</i> 1, 1770,		476 18 8½
15 <i>March</i> 1, 1770,		204 12 8½
9 <i>Feb.</i> 28, 1771,		247 16 7½
By ditto for redeeming lawful Money Bills, <i>to wit</i> :		
32 dated <i>March</i> 20, 1767,		173 2 5½
47 <i>April</i> 10, 1767,		206 15 4½
44 <i>May</i> 8, 1767,		169 18 3
95 <i>Nov.</i> 1, 1767,		395 19 7½
50 <i>March</i> 1, 1768,		106 17 3½
97 <i>Feb.</i> 28, 1769,		382 17 11
	£. 16811 5 11½	£. 45454 1 3½

The Subscribers being appointed a Committee to au-  
dit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, do report,  
that

that we find a Balance of Three Thousand and Forty-five Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence Half-penny, Old Tenor, and the Sum of Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Five Pence One Farthing, lawful Money, due to the Colony, agreeable to the above Account.

George Hazard,  
John G. Wanton,  
Edward Tburston, jun.

Newport, March 25, 1773.

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

WHEREAS George Hazard, Esq; Mr. John Wanton, (Son of Gideon) and Mr. Edward Tburston, jun. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

Report of  
Bills of Credit & Notes  
burnt in the  
General  
Treasury.

The Subscribers being appointed a Committee to receive all the lawful Money Bills, Treasurer's Notes, and Old Tenor Bills, that have been paid into the General Treasury, on Account of the Rate, and burn the same, do report, that we have received of Joseph Clarke, Esq; General Treasurer, the following Bills and Notes, *to wit* :

Lawful Money Bills, dated Feb. 27, 1756, One Pound, Four Shillings and Two Pence, One Farthing.

Ditto, dated Aug. 23, 1756, Five Shillings.

Ditto, dated May 8, 1758, Two Pounds, Eleven Shillings, Principal, and Twelve Shillings and Two Pence, Interest.

Ditto, dated Dec. 23, 1758, Five Pounds, Five Shillings, Principal, and One Pound, Six Shillings and Three Pence, Interest.

Ditto, dated March 15, 1759, Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence, Half-penny, Principal, and One Pound, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence, Three Farthings, Interest.

Ditto, dated March 10, 1760, Five Hundred and Forty Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Two Pence, Principal,



- cipal, and Four Hundred and Ten Pounds, Nine Shillings and Four Pence, One Farthing, Interest.  
 Ditto, dated *May 12, 1760*, One Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, Principal, and One Hundred and Twenty-three Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence, Interest.  
 Ditto, dated *March 20, 1762*, One Thousand and Forty-seven Pounds, Ten Shillings and Three Farthings, Principal, and Five Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Nine Pence, One Farthing, Interest.  
 Ditto, dated *April 10, 1762*, Four Hundred Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, Principal, and Two Hundred and Two Pounds, Nine Shillings and Five Pence, Half-penny, Interest.  
 Ditto, dated *May 8, 1762*, Three Hundred and Eighty-five Pounds, Principal, and Two Hundred and One Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence, Three Farthings, Interest.  
 Ditto, dated *November 1, 1762*, Eight Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds, Three Shillings and Eight Pence, Principal, and Four Hundred and One Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Three Pence, Half-penny, Interest.  
 Ditto, dated *March 1, 1766*, One Hundred and Seven Pounds, Six Shillings and Seven Pence, Half-penny.  
 Ditto, dated *February 28, 1767*, Four Hundred and Nine Pounds, Three Shillings and Four Pence.  
 The Sum of Three Pounds, Ten Shillings and Nine Pence, *Crown-Point* Bills.  
 The Sum of Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds, Four Shillings and Eleven Pence, Old Tenor.  
 37 Treasurer's Notes, dated *March 11, 1765*, Four Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and One Penny, Principal, and One Hundred and Ninety Pounds, Eight Shillings and Eight Pence, Interest.  
 24 ditto, dated *May 13, 1765*, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds, Five Shillings, Principal, and Ninety-one Pounds, Two Shillings and Five Pence, Interest.  
 75 ditto.

- 75 ditto, dated *March* 11, 1767, Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Ten Pence, One Farthing, Principal, and Seven Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds, Eight Shillings and Six Pence, Interest.
- 49 ditto, dated *May* 13, 1767, One Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Four Pence, Principal, and Four Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, Seven Shillings and Three Pence, One Farthing, Interest.
- 393 ditto, dated *March* 20, 1767, Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-six Pounds, Ten Shillings and Two Pence, Three Farthings, Principal, and Eight Hundred and Twenty-four Pounds, Nine Shillings and Two Pence, Half-penny, Interest.
- 194 ditto, dated *April* 10, 1767, Eight Hundred and Forty-two Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Five Pence, Half-penny, Principal, and Two Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds, Seven Shillings and Five Pence, Three Farthings, Interest.
- 158 ditto, dated *May* 8, 1767 Seven Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds, Three Shillings and Four Pence, Half-penny, Principal, and Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Three Pence, Three Farthings, Interest.
- 267 ditto, dated *November* 1, 1767, One Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds, Two Shillings and Three Farthings, Principal and Four Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Seven Pence, One Farthing, Interest.
- 2 ditto, dated *March* 1, 1768, Five Pounds, Four Shillings and Seven Pence, Half-penny, Principal, and Fourteen Shillings and Two Pence, Half-penny, Interest.
- 3 ditto, dated *February* 28, 1769. Seventeen Pounds, Three Shillings and Nine Pence, Principal, and One Pound, Four Shillings and Nine Pence, Half-penny, Interest.
- 1 ditto, dated *November* 1, 1769, One Pound, Fifteen Shillings and One Penny, One Farthing, Principal, and Five Shillings and Six Pence, One Farthing, Interest.

28 ditto,

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- 28 ditto, dated *March* 20, 1770, Nine Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and One Penny, Half-penny, Principal, and Eighty-three Pounds, Six Shillings and Ten Pence, One Farthing, Interest.
- 13 ditto, dated *April* 10, 1770, One Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Seven Pence, One Farthing, Principal, and Eighteen Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Eight Pence, Half-penny, Interest.
- 13 ditto, dated *May* 8, 1770, Two Hundred and Seventy-six Pounds, Nine Shillings and Five Pence, Half-penny, Principal, and Forty-one Pounds, Five Shillings and Eleven Pence, Three Farthings, Interest.
- 11 ditto, dated *November* 1, 1770, Eighty Pounds, Two Shillings and Six Pence, Half-penny, Principal, and Seven Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence, Interest.

All of which we have burnt, agreeable to said Appointment.

	Principal.	Interest.
Feb. 27, 1756,	£. 1 4 2½	
Aug. 23, 1756,	0 5 0	
May, 8, 1758,	2 11 0	£. 0 12 2
Dec. 23, 1758,	5 5 0	1 6 3
March, 15, 1759,	6 13 7½	1 13 4½
March 10, 1760,	540 15 2	410 9 4½
May 12, 1760,	165 15 0	123 18 8
March 20, 1762,	1047 10 0¼	596 11 9¼
April 10, 1762,	400 15 0	202 9 5½
May 8, 1762,	385 0 0	201 17 5½
Nov. 1, 1762,	833 3 8	401 18 3½
March 1, 1766,	107 6 7½	
Feb. 28, 1767,	409 3 4	£. 1940 16 10.
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	£. 3905 7 8	
	1940 16 10	
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	£. 5846 4 6	Total of lawful Mo-
ney Bills burnt.		

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£. 3 10 9 *Crown-Point Money, burnt.*  
5655 4 11 *Old Tenor, burnt.*

	Notes	Principal.	Interest.
March 11, 1765,	37	£. 461 13 1	£. 190 8 8
May 13, 1765,	24	231 5 0	91 2 5
March 11, 1767,	75	2714 16 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	753 8 6
May 13, 1767,	49	1582 12 4	425 7 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
March 20, 1767,	393	2646 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	824 9 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
April 10, 1767,	194	842 15 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	284 7 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
May 8, 1767,	158	761 3 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	259 11 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Nov 1, 1767,	267	1579 2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	468 17 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
March 1, 1768,	2	5 4 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 14 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Feb. 28, 1769,	3	17 3 9	1 4 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nov. 1, 1769,	1	1 15 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 5 6 $\frac{1}{4}$
March 20, 1770,	28	974 16 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	83 6 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
April 10, 1770,	13	134 14 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	18 14 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
May 8, 1770,	13	276 9 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	41 5 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nov. 1, 1770,	11	80 2 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 13 7

1268£. 12310 4 7 $\frac{1}{4}$  £. 3450 18 1 $\frac{1}{2}$   
3450 18 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

£. 15761 2 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  Total of Treasurer's Notes burnt.

Newport, March 25, 1773. George Hazard,  
John G. Wanton,  
Edward Thurston, jun.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

WHEREAS the following Account was exhibited unto this Assembly, *to wit* :

Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. to George Hazard, John G. Wanton and Edward Thurston, jun.	Dr.	G. Hazard, allowed £. 4 7 0. J. G. Wanton, £. 4 4 0. E. Thurston, £. 5 2 0.
To settling the General Treasurer's Accounts.		
George Hazard, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Days, at 6s.	£. 1 7 0	
John G. Wanton, 4 ditto, at ditto,	1 4 0	
Edward Thurston, jun. 7 ditto, at ditto,	2 2 0	
To calculating the Interest upon, and		
F		burning

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burning Treasurer's Notes,	
6 Days each, 18 Days, at ditto,	5 8 0
To calculating the Interest upon, and burning lawful Money Bills, and burning <i>Crown-Point</i> , and Old Te- nor Bills,	
4 Days each, 12 Days, at ditto,	3 12 0
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	£. 13 13 0
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AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed : And that the Amount thereof be paid out of the General Treasury, in the following Manner, *to wit*, to the said *George Hazard*, Four Pounds, Seven Shillings, lawful Money, to the said *John G. Wanton*, Four Pounds, Four Shillings, lawful Money, and to the said *Edward Thurston*, jun. Five Pounds, Two Shillings, lawful Money.

*J. Clarke*,  
allowed £. 21  
12 0.

WHEREAS *James Clarke*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Three Hundred Weight of Gun-Powder, supplied by him, for the use of *Fort-George* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twenty-one Pounds, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Clarke*, out of the General Treasury.

Petition from  
*New-Shore-*  
*ham*, for As-  
sistance to  
make an Har-  
bour there.

WHEREAS the following Petition was presented unto this Assembly, *to wit* :

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, to be holden at *Newport*, on the First Wednesday in *May*, A. D. 1773.

The Subscribers, Deputies from the Town of *New-Shoreham*, in Behalf of, and by Direction from, the said Town, humbly shew,

That



That the Inhabitants of the said Island have, for a Number of Years past, laboured under the greatest Difficulties and Inconveniences for Want of an Harbour at the said Island, they having no other Way to ship off their fat Cattle, Horses and Sheep, than by swimming them into the Sea, where there is generally a large Surf, and then hoisting them into a Vessel, whereby it frequently happens that some of them are drowned, and others so much bruised, as to be unfit for Market :----That these Disadvantages are greatly increased by the large Freight they are obliged to pay upon every thing brought to the Island, for their own Use, or transported from thence for Sale ; for, as there is no safe Harbour, very few Vessels go to the Island with or for Freight ; and those who follow that Business lose so much Time, by being often forced to leave the Island upon the Approach of a Storm, before the Freight they carry is unladed, or the Freight they go for, taken in, and to make an Harbour upon the Continent where they must wait another Wind, and meet with so many other Hardships and Dangers, that they ask double the Freight which is given in other Parts of the Colony, for the Transportation of the like Articles, the same Distance : ---That they also suffer greatly by the Loss of the Cod-Fishery, which formerly, while a Channel was kept open between the Sea, and a large Salt Pond, on the West Side of the Island, was so considerable, that they used to catch Fish enough for their own Consumption, and to supply *Newport*, and divers other Places, with fresh Fish, besides exporting large Quantities of cured Fish ; but that the Channel being now filled, the small Fish or Bait, which used to go into the Pond, have left the Island, and the Cod-Fish with them, so that at present, the Inhabitants cannot get near enough for their own Eating :---That these Inconveniences have such an Effect upon the real Estates on the Island, that Land will not sell, or rent, for more than Half the Sum which Land of the like Quality will sell, or rent, for in other Parts of the Colony ; and the Island, consequently, in a general Estimation of Property, is not worth above Half so much to the Colony,

lony, as it otherwise would be :---That these are some of the many Evils, that the Inhabitants continually suffer ; besides which, there are others, arising from the Want of an Harbour, at the said Island, which greatly affect the Commerce of the whole Colony, and of a great Part of the Continent ; many Vessels, for Want of such an Harbour, being blown off the Coast, or forced to a different Port, from that to which they were bound, or perhaps shipwrecked, or foundered, to the Loss of the Lives and Properties of many :---That a most effectual Remedy, for all these Evils, may be provided, by cutting a Channel from the Sea, into the aforementioned Pond, which is large enough to contain the whole British Navy, and deep enough for any Vessels in this Colony :---That between the Sea, and the Pond, there is a Sand Bank, about Twenty Rods wide, and on the Pond Side, Ten Feet of Water, within Two Rods of the Bank, which soon encreases to Thirty Feet ; and on the Side of the Sea there is also a very fine bold Shore : That a Channel was formerly cut through the said Bank, and became so navigable that Vessels of Seventy and Eighty Tons Burthen have actually sailed into the Pond ; but the Place where the said Channel was formed, not being properly defended on the Sea Side, it filled up with Sand :---That the Place now proposed for opening a Communication with the Sea is about a Quarter of a Mile Southward from the old Channel, where the Water is much deeper, and the Channel will be secured by a Point of Rocks that lies to the Southward ; which affords the greatest Prospect of obtaining an effectual and lasting Harbour :---That the Benefit resulting to the Inhabitants of the said Island, to the Colony in general, and to the neighbouring Governments, from such an Harbour, will be very great, as the real Value of the Island will be much enhanced, and the rateable Estate of the Colony proportionably increased, a most extensive Cod-Fishery may be carried on to the great Emolument of the Colony, and an Harbour, into which Vessels driven near the Island, by Stress of Weather, may run and be safe from every Wind that blows, and thereby preserve the Lives and Properties of many :--And that the

the said Inhabitants, although they are willing to exert themselves to the utmost, in completing so beneficial a Design, are, by Reason of their Poverty, utterly unable to accomplish it.

The Petitioners hope that, as the Inhabitants of the said Island have at all Times contributed in full as large a Proportion as any other Town, towards building and repairing Court-Houses, Gaols, Bridges, and other Conveniences, without having received any Grant from the General Assembly, for the particular Benefit of the said Island, for near Forty Years past, they may, with Modesty, ask the Assistance of the Public upon this Occasion. And they do humbly request that the General Assembly will take this Matter into Consideration, and appoint some suitable Persons to examine the Pond, and the Situation of the Place proposed for the Channel, and report their Opinion of the practicability of the Project, and an Estimate of the Expence ; and in Case, upon their Report, it shall appear advisable to open such a Communication, they humbly pray that such a Sum of Money may be granted out of the General Treasury as will be sufficient to purchase Timber, and provide Stones for beginning, and, in some Measure, carrying on, the Work ; and that the Remainder may be raised by Lotteries, which, considering the Utility of of such an Harbour, they have Reason to hope will meet with great Encouragement ; and, as in Duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

John Littlefield,  
John Sands.

On Consideration whereof,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Stephen Hopkins, Esq; Thomas Cranston, Esq; Mr. Essek Hopkins, Joseph Wanton, jun. Esq; and Mr. Joseph Brown, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed, a Committee to go to New-Shoreham, and inspect into the Circumstances of the Premises mentioned in the said Petition : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That there be allowed, and  
F paid

Governor allowed £. 30  
0 0, and the  
Deputy-Governor £. 15  
0 0. paid out of the General Treasury, to his Honor the Governor, Thirty Pounds, lawful Money, and to his Honor the Deputy-Governor, Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, for their Salaries, and extraordinary Services, the last Year.

*T. George*, allowed £. 5  
0 0. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Five Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, to Captain *Thomas George*, for his Wages, as Captain of *Fort-George* the last Year.

*J. Jeffers*,  
*S. Brown* and  
*J. Simpson*,  
allowed £. 2  
7 0. WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonathan Jeffers*, *Samuel Brown* and *John Simpson*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for cleaning the Court-House in *Newport*, during the last Year, sawing Wood, &c.---And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Seven Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, *Samuel Brown*, and *John Simpson*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Jeffers* and  
*B. Wilbur*,  
allowed £. 1  
5 1. WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonathan Jeffers* and *Benjamin Wilbur*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for mending the Windows in the Barracks at *Goat-Island* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby, is allowed ; and that One Pound, Five Shillings and One Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, and *Benjamin Wilbur*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee  
to audit the  
Naval Officer's  
Accounts. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Speaker of the Lower-Houte, *John Jepson*, Esq; and Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer ; and to examine what Sums remain due from the said Office, according to Reports heretofore made : And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.



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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee, appointed to settle the Accounts of *George Brown*, and *John Andrews*, Esqrs. with the Colony, be, and they are hereby, continued for that Purpose : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to  
settle the Ac-  
counts of *G.  
Brown* and  
*J. Andrews*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Election of Officers, not chosen at this Session, be referred to the next Session : And that, in the mean Time, the Persons now in Office be, and they are hereby, continued in their Offices, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time before had.

Officers con-  
tinued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business, lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned unto the Third Monday in *August* next, then to meet at *Newport*.

Adjourn-  
ment.

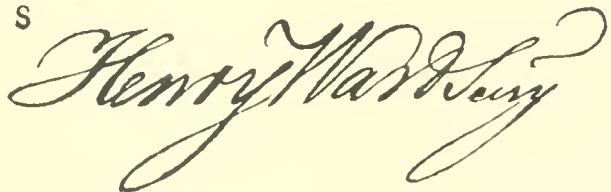
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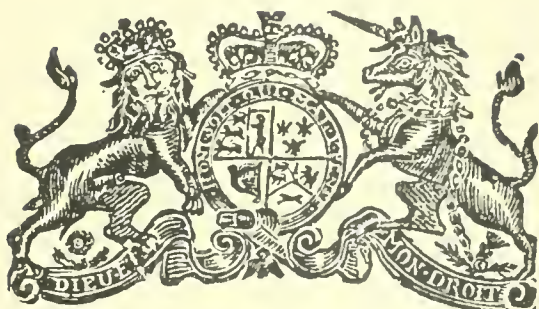


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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the Third Monday in *August*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, and Thirteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T.

The Honorable

*Joseph Wanton*, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;

JAMES BARKER, Esq;

SOLOMON DROWN, Esq;

JOHN ALMY, Esq;

THOMAS WICKES, Esq;

ROWLAND ROBINSON, Esq;

WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

} Assistants.

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.  
The Honorable METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*; Speaker.

## NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;  
Mr. John Wanton, (Son of  
George Hazard, *Esq*; Gideon)  
Joseph Wanton, jun. *Esq*;  
Mr. John Read,  
Mr. Thomas Freebody.

## PROVIDENCE :

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*;  
Mr. Benjamin Man,  
Mr. John Jenckes,  
Mr. John Smith.

## PORTSMOUTH :

Mr. Speaker,  
John Jepson, *Esq*;  
Mr. Jonathan Brownell.

## WARWICK :

Mr. Benjamin Greene,  
William Greene, *Esq*;  
Mr. Jacob Greene,  
Mr. John Low.

## WESTERLY :

Joshua Babcock, *Esq*;  
Mr. James Rhodes.

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. John Littlefield,  
Mr. John Sands.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Peter Phillips, *Esq*;  
John Northup, *Esq*.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

John Rose, *Esq*;  
Daniel Rodman, *Esq*.

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Preserved Pearce, *Esq*;  
Thomas Tillinghaft, *Esq*.

## JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Gardner,  
Capt. Samuel Slocum.

## SMITHFIELD :

Daniel Mowry, jun. *Esq*;  
Capt. Jonathan Arnold.

## SCITUATE :

Mr. William West.

## GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Solomon Owen,

Caleb Arnold, *Esq*;

## CHARLESTOWN :

Sylvester Robinson, *Esq*.

## WEST GREENWICH :

William Nichols, *Esq*;  
Thomas Gorton, *Esq*.

## COVENTRY :

Mr. Israel Bowen,  
Mr. Caleb Vaughan.

## EXETER :

George Pierce, *Esq*;  
Jeffery Willcox, *Esq*.

## MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Nicholas Easton,  
Mr. Isaac Smith.

## BRISTOL :

Simeon Potter, *Esq*;  
William Bradford, *Esq*.

## TIVERTON :

Mr. Thomas Corey.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

Thomas Church, *Esq*;  
Mr. Daniel Wilbur.

## WARREN :

Sylvester Child, *Esq*;  
Nathan Miller, *Esq*.

## CUMBERLAND :

John Dexter, *Esq*;  
Nathaniel Shepperdson, *Esq*.

## RICHMOND :

Robert Stanton, *Esq*;  
Mr. Caleb Barber.

## CRANSTON :

Christopher Lippitt, *Esq*.

## HOPKINTON :

Zaccheus Reynold, *Esq*;  
Mr. Jesse Maxton.

## JOHNSTON :

Richard Eddy, *Esq*;  
Caleb Harris, *Esq*.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Capt. Essek Hopkins,  
Thomas Olney, *Esq*.

## BARRINGTON :

Nathaniel Martin, *Esq*;  
Mr. Thomas Allen.

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower-House.

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WHEREAS Mr, *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for inserting a Proclamation, divers Acts of the General Assembly, &c. in the *Providence Gazette* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Nine Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Carter*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Carter* allowed £. 1 9 0.

WHEREAS *Paul Tew*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, charged by Mr. *John Sharpoon*, against him, for One Dozen of Windsor Chairs for the Court-house in *Providence* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Five Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General Treasury.

*P. Tew* allowed £. 5 8 0.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Road, commonly called *Plainfield-Road*, is One of the largest that leads into the Town of *Providence* : That the Bounds thereof are mostly lost and unknown : And that several Persons have made Encroachments on said Road, so that, in many Places, it is almost impassable, especially in the Winter Season : And thereupon, they prayed this Assembly to appoint a Committee to revise the said Road, from a Birch Tree, standing in a Brook, called *Bennet's Brook* (a known Boundary of said Road) Westerly, as far as *Scituate Line*, with Power to make such Alterations as they shall think necessary : And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *Job Randall*, Esq; and *Charles Harris*, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to revise the aforesaid Highway : That the Charge thereof be equally paid by the Towns of *Providence*, *Cranston*, and *Johnston* : And that the said Committee be, and they are hereby, empowered to make such Alterations in

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in said Highway as they shall think proper, agreeable to Law.



AN ACT empowering the Towns of *Providence* and *North-Providence*, within this Colony, to repair their Highways by a Town Tax.

Act empow-  
ering *Provi-  
dence* and  
*North-Provi-  
dence* to re-  
pair their  
Highways by  
Tax.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Towns of Providence and North-Providence, within this Colony, be, and they are hereby, empowered, for the future, to raise such Sum or Sums of Money as they may think necessary, for the due repairing of Highways in their respective Towns, by a Town-Tax or Taxes, to be assessed, raised, and levied as other Taxes, within the Towns in this Colony, are assessed, raised and levied, for other incidental Charges within said Town : Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.*



WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Fees and Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Three Pounds, Eleven Shillings, and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said George Lawton, out of the General Treasury.*

G. Lawton  
allowed £. 3  
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WHEREAS *Henry Ward*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance at the Superior Court, in *King's-County*, in *October*, A. D. 1770, upon the Trials of *Samuel Casey* and others, for counterfeiting Coin : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Four Pounds, One*

H. Ward al-  
lowed £. 4  
1 0.



One Shilling, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Ward*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Speaker of the Lower House, Mr. *John Jenckes*; *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; Mr. *Benjamin Greene*, and *Nathan Miller*, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, to Audit the Accounts of the Charges of finishing the Court-House in *Providence*, repairing the Court-House in *East-Greenwich*, building the Gaol in *Newport*, repairing Fort George, and the Wharf at *Goat-Island* : And that they make Report, to this Assembly; as soon as may be.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee for building the Gaol in *Newport*, &c.

WHEREAS *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; Clerk of his Majesty's Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Fees in the Bill of Cost, The King against *Cæsar Hazard*, a Negro Man, sentenced to suffer Death, at the Term of the said Court held in *October*, A. D. 1771 : And the said Account-being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General Treasury.

*D. Rodman* allowed £. 0 18 0.

WHEREAS *Arthur Fenner*, jun. Esq; Clerk of His Majesty's Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*, laid before this Assembly a Bill of Cost, The King against *Elijah Woodward*, a poor Person, tried and acquitted, at the Term of said Court held in *September*, A. D. 1772 ; which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Ten Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount of the said Bill of Cost, be allowed, and paid the said *Arthur Fenner*, jun. out of the General Treasury : And that he account to the other Persons, who are entitled to a Part thereof.

*A. Fenner, jun.* allowed £. 6 12 10.

*D. Wilkin-  
son*, allowed  
£. 1 0.

WHEREAS *David Wilkinson*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for taking the Examinations of *Wood* and *Pendock*, taken up for counterfeiting Dollars, and attending with the Examinations at the Superior Court, held in the County of *Kent*, by Order of said Court : And the said Account, being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Nineteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *David Wilkinson*, out of the General Treasury.

*R. Lillibridge*  
jun. allowed  
£. 2 5 2.

WHEREAS Mr. *Robert Lillibridge*, jun. One of the Deputy-Sheriffs for the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for apprehending Persons suspected of counterfeiting Money, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Five Shillings and Two Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Robert Lillibridge*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

*W. Compton*,  
allowed £. 0  
15 0.

WHEREAS *William Compton*, Town-Sergeant of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for apprehending and committing *Wood* and *Pendock*, for passing counterfeit Dollars, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Compton*, out of the General Treasury.

And £. 1 0  
0.

WHEREAS the same *William Compton* exhibited unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance at the Superior Court, held in the County of *Kent*, upon the Trial of *Wood* and *Pendock*, by Order of the said Court : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twenty Shil-  
lings,

lings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Compton*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for the Payment of what remains due, of the last Colony Tax, be lengthened to the Tenth Day of October next ; that it be upon Interest until paid : And that the General Treasurer issue his Warrants against the several Town-Treasurers, for the Sums that shall be due from them, respectively, on the Tenth Day of *October*, returnable in Ten Days.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Tax of Four Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, be assessed, and levied, upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, and paid into the General Treasury, on or before the First Day of *May* next ; One Half thereof to be appropriated to the Payment of the Debts, now due from the Colony, and the other Half to the supplying of the Treasury : That the said Tax be apportioned unto the several Towns in the same Proportion as the last Colony Tax was done : And that *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; and Mr. *John Low*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to draw up an Act accordingly, of the same Tenor (excepting the necessary Alterations) of the Act, apportioning the last Colony Tax

A Tax of £. 4000 ordered.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esq; Mr. *Benjamin Greene*, and *Nathan Miller*, Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee, to audit the Accompt presented to this Assembly, by *George Taylor*, Esq; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to audit the Accompt of *G. Taylor*.

WHEREAS the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; Capt. *Esek Hopkins*, and the Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report of the Committee appointed to view the Place proposed for a Harbour at *New-Shoreham*.

We the Subscribers, together with *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; and Mr. *Joseph Brown*, being appointed a Committee to go to *New-Shoreham*, and inspect into the Circumstances set forth

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forth in the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of *New-Sboreham*, do report, that we have been to *Block-Island*, have viewed and examined the Place proposed for making a Harbour, have sounded the Water both on the Sea and Pond Sides, have observed both the Height and Distance of the Land between them, and, on the whole, are of Opinion that a Channel may be made, secured and kept open, between the Sea and the Pond, sufficient to admit small Vessels of Forty or Fifty Tons Burthen, which, when in the Pond, will be in as safe a Harbour as any can be; and also restore and perpetuate much the most considerable and beneficial Fishery in the Colony, which will be altogether lost without such a Channel be cut and kept open.

We further report that, as Things are at present, there is no Landing, nor taking off, any Creatures or Goods at *Block-Island*, but by putting them afloat in the Surf: And even Passengers cannot land in the smoothest Time, as we ourselves experienced, without wading in the Water above their Knees, or being carried by those that do.

And lastly, we do report that, although the making and securing such a Harbour as we have spoken of be so extremely necessary, and will be, when made, so extensively beneficial, to the Inhabitants of *Block-Island*, yet we think the Burthen of doing it wholly at their own Expence will be too great for them to bear. And, as not they only, but the Colony in General, will be benefited by its being done, we are of Opinion the Colony will do well to assist them in doing it.

*Stephen Hopkins,*  
*Newport, Aug. 18, 1773. Essek Hopkins,*  
*Joseph Wanton, jun.*

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

*D. Dunham,*  
 jun. allowed  
 £. 0 12 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Dunham*, jun. One of the Constables for the Town of Newport, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for apprehending One *Mary Baily*, a poor Person convicted of Theft, and attending upon the Court at her Examinations and



and Trial : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Dunham*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, made and passed at the Session held in May last, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Five Pounds, Two Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Southwick*  
allowed £. 5  
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WHEREAS the Collector of Rates for the Town of *Johnston* represented to this Assembly, That he was robbed of a considerable Sum of Money, which he had collected of the Colony Rate : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Time of Payment of what yet remains due, of the said Town's Proportion of the said Rate, be lengthened out Eight Months, the said Town paying Interest for the same, until paid : And that the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed, at the Expiration of that Time, to issue his Warrant of Distress, returnable in Ten Days, against the Treasurer of said Town, for what shall then remain due.

Eight Months  
allowed to  
*Johnston* to  
pay the Ba-  
lance of their  
Rate.

WHEREAS the following Account was exhibited to this Assembly, *to wit* :

The late A-  
gent *Sher-*  
*wood's* Ac-  
count.

Dr. The Colony of *Rhode-Island*, in *New-England*, in *America*, with the Estate of *Joseph Sherwood*.

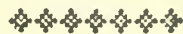
1770.	To Cash paid Fees for the Par-			
	don of a Negro,	-	£. 5	5 0
	To Cash paid for Ten Medi-			
	terranean Passes, and sundry			
	Expences thereon,		13	13 0
Aug. 20.	To One Years Salary, due this			
	Day,	-	40	0 0
	To Expences and Gratuities to			
	the Clerks, Messengers and			
	C			
				Door-keepers,



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		Door-keepers, of the several public Offices, the houses of Lords and Commons, Coach-Hire, and other petty Expences, during said Year,	30	0	0
1771,	} Jan.	Paid for copying the Papers relating to the Stamp-Act Riots, - - -	1	10	0
Aug. 20.		To One Years Salary,	40	0	0
		To Expences and Gratuities, as before, - - -	30	0	0
		To Bill of Cost relating to the Boundaries, - - -	14	1	0
		Paid copying all the Papers relating to the Money due from the Crown to the Colony,	2	0	0
1772,	} Aug.	To One Year's Salary,	40	0	0
		To Expences and Gratuities, as before, - - -	30	0	0
		Paid Postage of Papers relating to the <i>Gaspee</i> Schooner,	1	2	4
		Paid making Fac Simile Copies of the said Papers,	1	0	0
		Paid Postage of Affidavits and Papers from <i>Rhode-Island</i> , relating to Doctor <i>Moffatt's</i> Claim, - - -	3	2	4
		Paid making Fac Simile Copies thereof, - - -	1	10	0
1773,	} Aug.	To One Year's Salary,	40	0	0
		To Expences and Gratuities, as before, - - -	30	0	0
		<i>Creditor.</i>	£. 323	3	8
1773.		By Balance due to the Estate of <i>Joseph Sherwood</i> ,	£. 323	3	8
		Errors excepted,			
		London, 26th June, 1773.			
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AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Three Hundred and Twenty-three Pounds, Three Shillings and Eight Pence, Sterling, being the Amount thereof, be paid out of the General Treasury, to the Executors of *Joseph Sherwood, Esq;* deceased, the late Agent for this Colony, in *Great-Britain*.



AN ACT, making it lawful to break down and blow up the Rocks at *Pawtucket Falls*, to let Fish pass up.

An Act making it lawful to break down and blow up the Rocks at *Pawtucket Falls*.

WHEREAS a great Number of Fish, of several Kinds, come into the River called *Seaconck River*, as far as the Falls, well known by the Name of *Pawtucket Falls*, by which Falls their Passage further up the River was, before the Year of our Lord 1761, wholly obstructed: And whereas in the said Year this Assembly made it lawful to break down the said Falls, so as to give the Fish free Passage up to supply the interior Parts of that Country, and to defray the Expences thereof granted a Lottery, and appointed Directors: And whereas what was then done in breaking down the said Falls, and removing the Obstructions to the Passage of the Fish, hath proved of public Utility, and will, with a very little more Expence and Labour, be very advantageous to that Part of the Country, especially to the poorer Sort of People :

*BE it, therefore, Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted* That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whosoever, at their own proper Expence, to blow up or break down any Rock or Rocks, in the Falls aforesaid, that obstruct the Passage of the Fish up the said River ; the said River being hereby declared a public River.



WHEREAS a Number of Merchants in this Colony preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That

Petition respecting the Fishery in the River *St. Lawrence*.

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That they have, for several Years past, been concerned in prosecuting that valuable Branch of Business the Cod-Fishery, in and near the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, by which a great Number of industrious Poor have been employed and supported, and an advantageous Circulation of Specie promoted: And that the Permission granted by his Majesty to His Subjects, to carry on the said Fishery, being not sufficiently explicit, the same is thereby rendered precarious and is particularly greatly endangered by a certain Bill before a Committee of the Honorable House of Commons of *Great-Britain*, for encouraging the Fishery aforesaid, &c. And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to interpose in their Behalf, with His Majesty's Ministers, and procure their Cause so to be represented to His Majesty, that they may, by Royal Indulgence, be permitted to prosecute their Fishing Business, in its full Extent, at *Isle-Bonaventure*, *Isle-Pierre*, *Point St. Peter*, and elsewhere, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, without Obstruction or Hindrance: and that the Fishery in those Parts may by no means be converted into private Property, or monopolized by a Company: And the said Petition being duly considered, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs *Aaron Lopez*, *George Gibbs*, and *William Vernon*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, to prepare the Draught of a Letter respecting the Matters set forth in the said Petition, to be sent to His Majesty's Secretary of State: And that they lay the same before this Assembly.

Petition from  
the *Narraganset* Tribe  
of *Indians*.

WHEREAS the following Petition, signed by Forty-three *Indians* of the *Narraganset* Tribe, in this Colony, was presented unto this Assembly, *to wit*:

To the Honorable the General Assembly of His Majesty's Colony of *Rhode-Island*, holden at *Newport*, the Third Monday of *August*, 1773.

The Petition of us the Subscribers, *Indians* of the *Narraganset* Tribe, in said Colony, humbly sheweth,

THAT some of our late Sachems, through Extravagance.  
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and Indiscretion, had heretofore run themselves largely in Debt; and for the discharging those Debts we have consented to the Sale of the greatest Part of the most valuable Lands, belonging to the Tribe; so that there now remaineth but a small Tract, compared with what they once possessed; and that they have remaining only One small Piece of *Fort-Neck*, by which they can get to the Salt-Water, from which they fetch great Part of the Support of themselves and Families. And being informed by the Honorable Committee, appointed by the Assembly, to settle the Accompts, and discharge the Debts, of the late Sachem *Thomas Ninigret*, deceased, that they apprehend that they, with our Consent, have sold Lands sufficient to discharge the whole of said Debts: We therefore humbly petition this Honorable Assembly, to pass an Act, to secure to the said Tribe, forever, as well the said small Part of *Fort-Neck*, as all the other Lands now of Right belonging to them; and that the same be not for the future liable to the Payment of Debts.

WE would further represent to this Honorable Assembly, that when the late Sachem *Ninigret*, by his Deed of the 28th of *March*, 1709, in Consideration of the Protection of the Colony, resigned to the Governor and Company of said Colony, the Lands then called the vacant Lands, he, by the same Deed, excepted and reserved to himself, for the Use of the Tribe, a certain Tract of Land, bounded, on the East, as followeth: *That is to say*, “Beginning where the Brook that *Joseph Davil*’s Mill standeth, and runs into the great Salt-Pond, and so from said Brook on a straight Line, Northerly, to *Pasqueset* Pond, and by the Brook that runs out of *Pasqueset* Pond into *Paucatuck* River.” That soon after, and while the Intent of the Parties was well known, by Order and Direction of the late Col. *Joseph Stanton*, and others of the Committee, appointed by the General Assembly, to oversee the *Indian Affairs*, the Line was run from the said Brook to *Pasqueset* Pond, and Bounds made: That afterwards some Persons, who claimed Lands to the Eastward of said Line, caused another Line to be run from One of the most Westernmost Parts of said Brook, *viz.* *Cross*’s Mill-Dam, to *Pasqueset*  
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Pond. By the running of which last mentioned Line, as well the *Burying-Ground and Graves of our ancient Sachems and Fathers*, as also several Hundred Acres of Land, which were not intended to be granted by the Deed aforesaid, are claimed, and, against Right, held from the *Indians*, by sundry Persons in *Charlestown* : WE therefore humbly pray this Honorable Assembly to authorize and empower the Committee for settling the Affairs of the late Sachem, *Thomas Ninigret*, or some One or more of them, to cause an exact Survey of the said Lines, and so much of the Brook and of *Pasqueset Pond*, as may be necessary to illustrate the Facts, to be taken ; and that a Draught thereof be laid before this Honorable Assembly, for their Advise and Determination thereon.

AND we do, on this Occasion, approach the General Assembly with the greater Confidence, because we look upon them as our Guardians and Protectors, agreeable to the Consideration of the Deed of the Sachem *Ninigret*.

The granting our Prayer will oblige your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, ever to pray, &c.

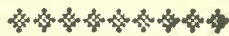
AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, granted : That all the Lands now of Right belonging to the said Tribe, be secured to them ; and that the same, or any Part thereof, shall not, for the future, be liable to the Payment of any Debts : That *James Helme*, Esq; or some other of the Committee appointed for settling the Accounts of the late Sachem *Thomas Ninigret*, cause a Survey of the Lines of the Lands claimed by the said Tribe, and the lands claimed by some other Persons in *Charlestown*, and held from the said Tribe (as it is said in the said Petition) against Right : That a Draught of the same be laid before this Assembly at the next Session : That he be, and hereby is, empowered to summon and swear Witnesses respecting the same : That the Secretary cause Notifications to be set up in One or more public Places in *Charlestown*, notifying the Persons claiming said Lands, to appear before the next Session of  
Assembly,



Assembly, to be then heard thereon ; And that the Colony be at no Charge respecting this Affair, but that the Charge thereof be paid by said Tribe.

WHEREAS *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for examining the Records, and making out a List of Debts, due to the Colony, upon Judgments unsatisfied, for Copies of the Votes of the Lower House, passed at the last Session, establishing a Committee of Correspondence, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twenty Shillings, and One Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Josias Lyndon*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Lyndon* allowed £. 1  
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An ACT empowering the Church and Society of People called Baptists or Antipædobaptists, in the Town of *Providence*, to sell, and dispose of the Lot of Land in *Providence*, and Meeting-house thereon, belonging to them, in order to provide another Lot, and erect a new Meeting-house.

Act empowering the Church and Society of Baptists in *Providence*, to sell their Lot, and Meeting-house, in Order to provide a Lot & build another Meeting-house.

WHEREAS there was a Petition preferred to this Assembly, from sundry Inhabitants, belonging to the Church and Society of People called Baptists or Antipædobaptists, in the Town of *Providence*, setting forth, that the Meeting-house in the said Town of *Providence*, belonging to said Society, is too small to accommodate those who are desirous of having Seats, to attend the Social Worship of God, in that Society : That the said House is out of Repair, and so constructed as not to admit of proper Enlargement, and the Lot too small to make such Enlargement as will render it convenient, without which, it will be only an Expence, without Benefit : That its Situation lays it under an Inconvenience, that only can be remedied by fixing it in a Place more retired from the Hurry and Confusion incident to all Places so public : That the Matters aforesaid having been

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laid before the Town of *Providence*, they have granted to said Society a Part of the Flats, or Clam-bed, opposite to *John Angell*, Esqr's Land, containing Two Acres, as a Place for erecting a new House, for the public Worship of God, and holding the annual Commencements in : Wherefore they prayed, that this Assembly would take the Premises into Consideration, and grant Liberty to said Church and Society, to sell, and dispose of said Meeting-house and Land, to them belonging ; and to empower and authorize Deacon *Ephraim Wheaton*, the Treasurer, for said Church and Society, or his Successors in said Office, to make and execute a good Deed of the Premises, to the Purchaser thereof, and to appropriate the Money arising from the Sale thereof, towards providing a Lot, and erecting a new House, for the Purpose aforesaid.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Church and Society aforesaid have Liberty to sell, and dispose of the said Meeting-house, and the Land thereunto adjoining, belonging to them, they first giving Security to the General Treasurer, in the Penal Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, that the Money arising from the Sale thereof, shall be appropriated towards the providing a Lot, and erecting a new House, for the Purposes aforesaid.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Deacon Ephraim Wheaton, (or his Successor in said Office) be, and he is hereby, empowered and authorized to make, and execute, to the Purchaser or Purchasers of said Meeting-house and Lands, a good and authentic Deed, or Deeds of Bargain and Sale of the same : And that the Deed or Deeds by him, or his Successor, so made and executed, shall convey to, and vest in, the Purchaser or Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, forever, a good, perfect, and absolute estate of Inheritance, in Fee Simple.*

Report of the  
Committee  
appointed to  
audit the Ac-  
counts of  
*Martin How-*  
*ard, jun.*

WHEREAS *James Barker*, Esq; the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *William Ellery*, Esq; and *Henry Ward*, Esq; who were appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Martin Howard, jun.* Esq; laid before this Assembly an  
Account,

Account, exhibited to them by Mr. *Simon Pease*, Attorney to the said *Martin Howard*, together with their Report thereon, as follows, to wit :

Estimate of Damage sustained, by the Riot at *Newport*,  
*Rhode-Island*, Aug. 27, 1765.

Sterling,

My House, which was repaired, and but just finished, cost me nearly,

£. 450 0 0

Sold for, at Vendue, by Mr. *Rome*, deducting all Charges,

210 0 0

Sterling,

£. 240 0 0

It is impossible to be particular, as to the Loss, and Damage of my Furniture, as I cannot recollect all the Articles, which are lost and missing. What follows are the chief I can remember.

A Shagreen Case of Knives and Forks, almost new,	1	10	0
A Scrutore and Book-case, with Glass Doors, damaged and broke,	2	0	0
A large Mahogany Table, broke to Pieces,	2	5	0
A small Desk lost,	1	10	0
A red Cedar Desk, and Book-case, cut to Pieces,	3	10	0
A small Tea-table,	0	10	0
A Couch Frame lost,	0	10	0
Four large Family Pictures, gilt Frames, One by Sir <i>Peter Lely</i> ,	35	0	0
Several Metzotinto ditto, damaged, and broke,	0	15	0
An Escutcheon, or Coat of Arms, of Mr. <i>Kay</i> ,	0	10	0
A japanned Tea-table, and Tea-board E			destroyed,

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destroyed,	1	10	0
A close Stool, with a Pewter Pan,	0	15	0
A Glass Lanthorn,	0	5	0
Two large Chairs,	2	5	0
A japanned high Case of Drawers, broke and lost,	4	0	0
A japanned dressing Table,	2	10	0
Two Leather Buckets,	0	10	0
A large Dom. John,	0	8	0
Sundry Books lost, Kitchen Furniture destroyed, China, empty Bottles, Baskets, &c. &c. broke and lost, at least to the Value of	15	0	0
A Cask of old Sherry Wine, put in Bottles, a little while before the Riot,	5	0	0
Cider, Provisions in the Store and Cellar, - - - -	3	0	0
A large Press Book-case in my Office,	1	5	0
A common writing Desk, - -	0	3	0
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	£.	324	13 0

I submit it to the Consideration of the Gentlemen of the Committee, appointed to examine the foregoing Account, whether they will not think it reasonable to allow Interest upon such Sum as they shall find due to me.

*Martin Howard.*

*Newbern, North-Carolina,  
Dec. 26, 1772.*

*Newport, Aug. 20, 1773.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed to examine the loss of *Martin Howard*, jun. Esq; by the Riot in *Newport* in *August*, 1765, do report, That we have examined the above Account, and considered several Evidences respecting his Loss: That we find that the real Damage sustained in the House did not exceed sixty Pounds, Sterling, it having been actually repaired and put into better Order than before the Riot, for that Sum or less, and have accordingly deducted One Hundred and Eighty Pounds, Sterling, from that Charge: And that we have also deducted  
Thirty-

Thirty-two Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, Sterling, which appears to us to have been overcharged in the Pictures, and some other Articles. So that his Loss, as estimated by us, amounts to One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, Sterling : Which we submit.

*James Barker,  
Stephen Hopkins,  
William Ellery,  
Henry Ward.*

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted : That the Sum of One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, Sterling, be granted to the said *Martin Howard, jun.* as a full Compensation for the Damage he sustained, by the Riots, in the Town of *Newport*, in the Year 1765, to be paid when, and as soon as the General Assembly shall receive Information, that the Money due from the Crown, to the Colony, for their Services in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, in the Year 1756, shall be received by the Agent of this Colony, in *Great-Britain* : That thereupon the General Treasurer of this Colony be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed, in behalf of this Colony, to draw a Bill or Bills upon the Colony Agent, payable to the said *Martin Howard*, for the abovesaid Sum, so granted as aforesaid : And that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to send Home a fair Copy of this Report and Vote, with all other Papers relating thereto.

WHEREAS *James Barker, Esq;* the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins, Esq;* *William Ellery, Esq;* and *Henry Ward, Esq;* who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Augustus Johnston, Esq;* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him exhibited to them, together with their Report thereon, as followeth, *to wit* :

Report of the  
Committee  
appointed to  
audit the Ac-  
counts of *Au-  
gustus John-  
ston.*

An Account of the Losses sustained by *Augustus Johnston*, in the Riots in *Newport*, in *August* and *December*, 1765.

Lawful



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	Lawful Money.
2 Broadcloth Jackets, and 1 Pair of Breeches Half worn,	£. 2 16 0
4 Pair of fine Sheets, - -	3 0 0
11 new Shirts, the Cloth cost me £. 355 8 0 Old Tenor, which, with the making, is - - -	18 9 0
4 Shirts about One Third worn,	6 0 0
3 Yards of new Holland, which cost £. 10 0 0 Old Tenor, per Yard,	1 5 8
About 18 fine Cravats, - -	2 8 0
1 Beaver Hat, worn but 2 or 3 Times,	1 10 0
2 Wigs (1 quite new, which cost me 48s.)	2 14 0
About 9 Pair of Worsted Stockings, very fine and good, - -	1 4 0
About 5 Pair of Thread Stockings,	0 10 0
All the Clothes belonging to Three Children (One about Eight Years old) besides what they had on, when taken out of Bed to be carried to a Place of safety, - - -	10 0 0
Sundry Men's Caps, at least a Dozen,	1 0 0
5 Pair of fine Pillow-cases,	3 0 0
At least One Dozen fine Napkins, and One Dozen fine Table-cloths,	10 16 0
At least 2 Dozen Homespun Towels,	2 8 0
A Number of Women's Shifts, Aprons, Caps and Cambrick Handkerchiefs,	10 0 0
A Case of old Jamaica Rum, a large old Cheese, Hams, and other Provisions, - - -	5 0 0
<i>Molloy de Jure Maritimo</i> , quite new,	1 16 0
<i>Holt's Reports</i> , a large Folio, and almost new, - -	3 0 0
1st and 7th Vol. of <i>Swift's Works</i> , the Set being, 8 Vol. cost me 40s. Sterling.	
1 Vol. of <i>Madam de Maintenon's Letters</i> , the Three cost me 13s. 6d. lawful Money,	

Pope's

Pope's Works, in 8 or 10 Vol. (I forget which) neatly bound and gilt, they cost me	-	-	-	-	2	8	0
5 Vol. of Dryden's Works, I can't find what they cost me, but the 5 could not be worth less than	-	-	-	-	1	8	0
Life of Count Saxe, 3 Vol.	-	-	-	-	0	14	0
2 Vol. of the World, the Set being 6 Vol. cost me	£.	1	8	0.			
1 Vol. of Campbell's Lives of the Admirals, the 4 cost me	£.	1	10	0.			
M.s. Rowe's Works, 2 Vol. 9s. Henrietta, 2 Vol. 9s. Happy Orphans 9s.					1	7	0
Importance of African Expedition, 3s. Delincourt on Death 9s.					0	12	0
3d, 4th, and 6th Vol. Compendium of Voyages, the Set being 6 Vol. cost me a little Time before, 40s.							
1 Vol. Bolingbroke's Works, the 2 cost me 20s.							
The Damage done my Furniture, as appraised by the Committee,					9	6	0

N. B. Since exhibiting my last Accompt, I have found some few of my Books that were charged in that Account, and have left them out of this.

Augustus Johnston.

Newport, Aug. 19, 1773.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine into the Losses sustained by Augustus Johnston, Esq; by the Riots in Newport, in the year 1765, do report, That he exhibited to us an Accompt of the Particulars of his Loss under Oath, which we have examined, together with several other Evidences respecting his Loss, and, after making some small Deductions, have settled it at Seventy-six Pounds, Ten Shillings, Sterling. Which Account with this Report we submit to the General Assembly.

James Barker,  
Stephen Hopkins,  
Henry Ward,  
William Ellery.  
And

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And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted: That the Sum of Seventy-six Pounds, Ten Shillings, Sterling, be granted to the said *Augustus Johnston*, as a full Compensation for the Damages he sustained by the Riots in the Town of *Newport*, in the Year 1765, to be paid when, and as soon as, the General Assembly shall receive Information, that the Money due from the Crown, to the Colony, for their Services in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, in the Year 1756, shall be received by the Agent of this Colony, in Great-Britain: That thereupon the General Treasurer of this Colony be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed, in behalf of this Colony, to draw a Bill or Bills upon the Colony Agent, payable to the said *Augustus Johnston*, for the abovesaid Sum, so granted as aforesaid: And that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to send Home a fair Copy of this Report and Vote, with all other Papers relating thereto.

Report of the  
Committee  
upon G.  
*Brown's* Ac-  
count.

WHEREAS *John Jepson*, Esq; *Paul Tew*, Esq; and Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, by them charged against the Colony, to wit:

The Subscribers being appointed "A Committee to inquire what Judgments, in Favour of the Colony, remain  
" yet unsatisfied, that *George Brown*, Esq; was made  
" chargeable for, and what Sums of Money the said *Brown*  
" ought to have Credit for, that the same may be deducted  
" out of the Judgments obtained against *Samuel Currie*,  
" *Benjamin Cozzens*, and *Matthew Cozzens*," Do report,  
That it appears by Receipts signed by the late Hon. *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; that he received the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, *March 2*, 1753, and the Sum of Two Thousand, Four Hundred Pounds, *Feb. 5*, 1755, to deliver to his Brother *Benjamin Nichols*, Esq; which Sums amount to £. 2900; from which deducting Five Hundred and Forty-four Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, and One Penny, which would have been the Balance due to said

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said *Jonathan Nichols*, had not the aforesaid Sum of £. 2900 been carried to the Credit of his Account, there remains the Sum of

£. 2355 5 11

The List of outstanding Judgments, and Account of Monies, remaining in the Hands of sundry Persons, herewith presented, amount to £. 4299 1 10, from which deduct the Sum of £. 1351 18 8, allowed by *Nicholas Tillingbast*, Esq; in a former Settlement, there remains

2947 3 2

*Robert Latham's* Bond, now produced by *George Brown*, 30*s*. New Tenor, equal to

6 0 0

Two Mortgages of *John Dickinson's*, One of £. 50---and the other of £. 25, were returned by *George Brown*, to *Benjamin Nichols*, which it doth not appear said *Brown* hath been credited for,

75 0 0

Charges upon several Writs and Fees, more than hath been heretofore allowed,

16 3 10

Cash paid *Jonathan Mowry*, by Order of Assembly,

40 0 0

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£. 5439 12 11

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All of which Sums, being Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Eleven Pence, Old Tenor, we are of Opinion, ought to be deducted from the Judgments obtained against *Samuel Currie*, *Benjamin Cozzens*, and *Matthew Cozzens*, aforesaid.

We do further report, That said *George Brown*, exhibited a List of several Parcels of Money, to the Amount of £. 4215 7 0, Old Tenor, which he informed us, he had paid *Jonathan Nichols*, aforesaid, together with a Certificate from *John Andrews*, Esq; respecting said *Nichols's* receiving a Sum of Money of said *Brown* : But, as no Receipt

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ceipt appeared, we submit the Consideration thereof to the  
Hon. General Assembly, with the above, and are

Your Honors humble Servants,

Newport, Aug. 19, 1773.

John Jepson,

Paul Tew,

Edward Thurston, jun.

Colony of Rhode-Island, &c

Dr.

To our Service in performing said Business.

John Jepson, 10 Days, at 6s.	£. 3	0	0
Paul Tew, 21 ditto, at ditto,	6	6	0
Edward Thurston, jun. 18 ditto, at ditto,	5	8	0
	£. 14	14	0

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Consideration upon receiving this Report be deferred until the next Session of this Assembly : That *George Taylor*, Esq; of *Providence*, and *William Greene*, of *Warwick*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to inquire particularly into the several outstanding Debts as stated by the former Committee, annexed to the said Report, and get the best Information they can, in whose Hands said several Debts are, and the Capacity each One is in to discharge the same : That they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session : That, in the mean Time, the Execution against the Bondsmen of the said *George Brown* be stayed, so that they may have an Appeal from the Judgment obtained against them, to the next Superior Court, to be holden in *Newport*, after the Assembly shall finally determind thereon, should they be dissatisfied there with : That the Accompt of the Committee be allowed ; and that Fourteen Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid them, out of the General Treasury, as followeth, *to wit* : To the said *John Jepson*, Three Pounds, to the said *Paul Tew*, Six Pounds, Six Shillings, and to the said *Edward Thurston*, jun. Five Pounds, Eight Shillings.

WHEREAS



WHEREAS *Benjamin Wickbam*, of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, in this Colony, Merchant, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he is possessed of a real Estate in the said Town, consisting of a very large, well finished Dwelling-House, Wharf, Warehouses, &c. which is at present under some Incumbrance : That he hath other Debts which reduce him to the Necessity of selling the said Estate ; but that the same is so valuable that few People can purchase it ; owing to which, and the Scarcity of Money, together with the Decrease of the Trade of the Town, he cannot dispose of it for any Thing near its value : That he hath been advised by some of his Friends to make Application to this Assembly for Liberty to dispose of the same by Way of Lottery, with Assurances of great Assistance in the Sale of the Tickets, and with a reasonable Prospect of getting near the Worth of the Estate : And thereupon the said *Benjamin Wickbam* prayed this Assembly to grant him Liberty to set up a Lottery, for the Sale of the said Estate, in so many Classes, and agreeable to such a Scheme as shall be thought best by the Directors : That Messrs. *Francis Brinley*, *John Mawdsley*, *Simon Pease*, *Jonas Langford Redwood*, *John Bours*, and *John Malbone*, all of *Newport*, or the major Part of them, may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery, they giving Bond as customary : And that suitable and disinterested Persons may be appointed to appraise the said Estate.

Lottery  
granted to *B.*  
*Wickbam*.

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, granted, under the usual Restrictions : Provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby.

AND *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Thomas Cranston*, *Francis Malbone*, and *Walter Chalonier* be, and they are hereby, appointed to appraise the said Estate ; and that they perform the same under Oath,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of *George Brown*, Esq; with the Colony, in Respect to the Grand Committee's Office, as well as the General Treasurer's, be, and they are hereby,

Committee  
to audit *G.*  
*Brown's* Ac-  
count.

continued for that Purpose : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Governor requested to write to Lord *Dartmouth*, respecting the Fishery in *St. Lawrence*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor or be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit to the Right Honorable the Earl of *Dartmouth*, the Letter presented to this Assembly, respecting the Cod-Fishery, in the River *St. Lawrence* ; he making such Alterations therein as he shall think proper.

Report of the Committee who audited the Naval-Officer's Accounts.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *John Jepson*, Esq; and Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, who were appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with their Report thereon, and also an Account, by them charged against the Colony, as followeth, to wit :

Dr. Light-House, on *Beaver-Tail*, to *James Clarke*.

1772, May 24.	To <i>Thomas Robinson's</i> Bill,				
	for 31 Gallons of Oil,	£.	4	12	0
June 6.	To Cash, paid for $3\frac{1}{8}$ lb.				
	of Cotton Wick,	-	-	0	8 $2\frac{1}{4}$
July 6.	To <i>Thomas Robinson's</i> Bill,				
	for 51 Gallons of Oil,		7	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Aug. 12.	To <i>James Robinson's</i> ditto,				
	47 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallons of Oil,		7	6	3
Sept. 13.	To <i>Abner Butler's</i> ditto,				
	43 Gallons of Oil,		6	17	0
October 1.	To Cash, paid <i>Stephen Hazard</i> ,				
	for bringing the Copper Bason to <i>Newport</i> , to				
	be mended, &c.	-	-	0	9 0
	Cash paid <i>Joseph Belcher</i> ,				
	for mending the Bason,		0	6	0
6	To <i>Aaron Lopez's</i> Bill, for				
	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallons of Oil,		5	5	0
23	To ditto, for 40 Gallons of				
	Oil,	-	-	6	13 $3\frac{1}{4}$
				26	To



August, 1773.

To Balance due to the Light-House, 30 18 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ 

Creditor,

£. 176 5 9

By Cash, received for Light-Money upon 9711 Tons of Shipping, cleared as Foreigners, from May 7, 1772, to May 4, 1773, inclusive, at 3d per Ton,

£. 121 7 9

By ditto, received during the same Time, for Light-Money, of 460 Coasters, at 2s.

£. 46 0 0

By ditto, received during the same Time, for 42 Vessels, put in for a Harbour,

8 18 0

£. 176 5 9

Newport, Aug. 17, 1773.

Errors excepted,

*James Clarke*, Naval Officer.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, by the General Assembly, at their Session in May last, do report, That, in Pursuance of said Appointment, we have examined his several Books, and compared his Charges with the Vouchers by him produced, and find a Balance due from *James Clarke*, Naval-Officer, of Thirty Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, and Three Pence, One Farthing, lawful Money, agreeable to the above Account, by him exhibited.

*Metcalf Bowler,**John Jepson,**Pardon Tillingbast.*The Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c.

Dr.

To our Time and Trouble in adjusting

the above Account, 1 Day each, at 6s. £. 0 18 0

*M. Bowler,*  
*J. Jepson,* and  
*P. Tillingbast*  
allowed 18s.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted : That the Account of the Committee be allowed ; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being

being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Metcalf Bowler*, *John Jepson*, and *Pardon Tillingbast*, out of the General Treafury.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *John Jepson*, Esq; and Mr. *Pardon Tillingbast*, who were appointed a Committee to inquire what Sums are due from the Naval-Office, presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of *James Clarke*, Esq; Naval-Officer, together with their Report thereon ; and also an Account, by them charged against the Colony, as followeth, *to wit* :

Report of the Committee appointed to examine what Sums are due from the Naval Office.

Dr. *James Clarke*, Esq; in Account of Balances, with the Light-House.

1770, June.	To Balance reported by the Committee to be due from Mr. <i>William Wanton</i> , Naval-Officer,	£. 14	14	10
1771, June.	To Balance due from him as Naval-Officer,	27	1	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
1772, Aug.	To Balance due from him as Naval-Officer, - -	55	1	9
1773, Aug.	To Balance due from him, reported this Day,	30	18	4
		<hr/> £. 127 16 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ <hr/>		

Creditor,

1770, Sept.	By an Error in the Settlement of Mr. <i>William Wanton</i> 's Account, reported this Session,	£. 7	10	0
1771, Aug.	By Cash he paid the General Treasurer, - - -	21	9	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
1773, Aug.	By ditto, he paid ditto,	21	12	0
		<hr/> 50 11 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ <hr/>		
	By Balance remaining in his Hands,	77	5	8
		<hr/> £. 127 16 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ <hr/>		

Newport,



Newport, Aug. 19, 1773.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee, by the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, at their Session in *May* last, to examine what Sums remain due from the Naval-Office, to the Light-House, do report, That there remains in the Hands of *James Clarke*, Esq; the present Naval-Officer, the Sum of Seventy-seven Pounds, Five Shillings, and Eight Pence, lawful Money, including the Balance of the last Year's Accounts, reported this Day. And we also find a Balance, reported to be due from *Benjamin Wickham*, Esq; in *October*, 1769, of the Sum of Fifty-six Pounds, 8s7 $\frac{1}{4}$ , lawful Money, which remains unpaid.

*John Jepson,*  
*Metcalf Bowler,*  
*Pardon Tillinghast.*

The Colony of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c.	Dr.
To our Time and Trouble in examining the Records of the Colony, respecting the above Report, 1 Day each, at 6s.	£. 0 18 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted : That the Sum of Seventy-seven Pounds, Five Shillings, and Eight Pence, lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be immediately paid, by the said *James Clarke*, into the General Treasury : That the Account of the Committee be allowed ; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Metcalf Bowler*, *John Jepson*, and *Pardon Tillinghast*, out of the General Treasury.

*M. Bowler,*  
*J. Jepson,* and  
*P. Tillinghast*  
allowed 18s.

WHEREAS the following Accompt was exhibited to this Assembly, *to wit* :

*S. Hopkins* allowed 12s.  
*J. Barker* 12s.  
*W. Ellery* 12s.  
*H. Marchant* 12s.  
and  
*H. Ward* 30s.

The Colony of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c.	Dr.
To <i>Stephen Hopkins</i> , <i>James Barker</i> , <i>William Ellery</i> , <i>Henry Marchant</i> , and <i>Henry Ward</i> .	

1773, Aug. For our Service in adjusting  
the Accounts of *Martin*  
*Howard*, jun. and *Augustus*  
*Johnston*, Esqrs. for their  
Losses, by the Riots in the  
Year 1765, 2 Days each,  
at 6*s*. per day, - - £. 3 0 0

To *Henry Ward*, for 3 Days  
Service, in adjusting Doct.  
*Moffatt's* Loss, at 6*s*. 18 0

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£. 3 18 0

WHICH being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,  
That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Three  
Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the A-  
mount thereof, be paid them out of the General Treasury,  
as follows, *to wit* : To the said *Stephen Hopkins*, *James*  
*Barker*, *William Ellery*, and *Henry Marchant*, Twelve  
Shillings each, and to the said *Henry Ward*, One Pound,  
Ten Shillings.

WHEREAS the following Account and Report was presented to this Assembly, to wit : *James Clarke*, Esq; to the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c.

*J. Clarke* to  
pay £. 13 13  
0 Sterling, in-  
to the Gene-  
ral Treasury.

Sterling.

For 10 Mediterranean Passes, received  
from *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; Agent  
for the Colony, which, with the  
Charges thereon, cost £. 13 13 0

WE the Subscribers are informed by *James Clarke*, Esq;  
Naval-Officer of the Colony, that he hath received and  
executed in behalf of the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, Esq;  
Governor of the Colony, the Passes charged in the above  
Accompt; and that, as the Agent hath charged the same  
to the Colony, the Amount of the above Account, being  
Thirteen

August, 1773.

Thirteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, Sterling, is due from the said *James Clarke*, to the Colony.

Newport, Aug. 19, 1773.

*John Jepson,*  
*Metcalf Bowler,*  
*Pardon Tillinghast.*

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted: And that the Sum of Thirteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, Sterling, therein mentioned, be immediately paid by the said *James Clarke*, into the General Treasury.

No more money to be drawn out of the General Treasury, without special Orders.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That no Money be drawn out of the General Treasury, by Virtue of any general Act or Order of this Assembly, heretofore made or passed, without further Orders from this Assembly.

£. 300 allowed for Fort-George.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, be paid out of the General Treasury to Mr. *Oliver Ring Warner*, for carrying on the Repairs at *Fort George*.

Report of the Committee who audited *J. Andrews's* Account.

WHEREAS *John Jepson*, Esq; *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; and Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *John Andrews*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with their Report thereon, and also an Account, by them charged against the Colony, as followeth, to wit

Dr. *John Andrews*, Esq; his Account, with the Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

To an Overcharge in *Valentine Wightman's* Bonds,

£. 136 0 0

To Bills of Cost contained in his Account against *Richard it Rice*, appearing by Minutes in the Grand Committee's Office, that the whole of the Costs against *Richard Rice* hath been already allowed to *Thomas Aldrich*,

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To an Overcharge in Costs against *Ebenexer Herrington*,

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August, 1773.

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To sundry Bonds, per Receipt, <i>October</i> ,			
1760, - - - -	3528	12	0
To ditto, per ditto, <i>November</i> 14, 1760,	189	3	0
To ditto, per ditto, <i>November</i> 15, 1760,	422	4	8
To ditto, per ditto, <i>November</i> , 1760,	1030	1	10
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	£. 5458	0	10
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Creditor.

By the Amount of Bonds returned the Committee, per Account, £.	1014	18	0
By <i>Philip Smith's</i> Bonds, the Mortgage appearing to be discharged by Four of the Committee, - - - - -	100	0	0
By a short Charge in <i>Francis Herren-</i> <i>den's</i> Bonds, - - - - -	3	14	8
By the Balance of his First Account against the Colony, - - - - -	78	3	8
By the Amount of his Second Account against ditto, - - - - -	367	12	8
By Cash paid the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, <i>June</i> 3, 1763,	869	0	8
By ditto, paid ditto, <i>Aug.</i> 26, 1765,	613	18	0
By the Amount of several Judgments where Possession hath been delivered,	288	8	2
Balance due to the Colony,	2122	5	0
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	£. 5458	0	10
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THE Subscribers, being appointed a Committee, by the General Assembly, to inquire what Sums of Money *John Andrews*, Esq; ought to have Credit for, that the same may be deducted out of a Suit, then pending against the said *Andrew*, do report, that there is a Balance due from said *Andrews* to the Colony, of Two Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds, Five Shillings, Old Tenor, as per the above Account : And are of Opinion, if Judgment hath been made up against him for more, it

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ought to be reduced to that Sum : Which is submitted  
by Your Honors humble Servants,

Newport, Aug. 20, 1773.

John Jephson,  
Pardon Tillinghast,  
Edward Thurston, jun.

Colony of Rhode-Island, &c.	Dr.
To our Service in settling the above Account,	
Paul Tew, 5 Days, at 6s.	£. 1 10 0
John Jephson, 2 Days, at 6s.	0 12 0
Edward Thurston, jun. 5 Days, at 6s.	1 10 0
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	£. 3 12 0
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Paul Tew al-  
lowed 30s. 7.  
Jephson 12s.  
and E. Thurston,  
jun. 30s.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted : That the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within and for the County of Newport, be, and they are hereby, directed to make up Judgment in the Case pending before the said Court, the Colony's Trustees, against the said John Andrews, for the said Balance of Two Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds, Five Shillings : That the Account of the Committee be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid them, out of the General Treasury, in the following Manner, *to wit* : To the said Paul Tew, One Pound, Ten Shillings, to the said John Jephson, Twelve Shillings, and to the said Edward Thurston, jun. One Pound, Ten Shillings.

Keeper of the  
Grand Com-  
mittee's Of-  
fice to sue his  
Deputies in  
Case.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That in Case the Persons appointed by the Colony, and Edward Thurston, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, for collecting of the Colony's Debts, do not account with the said Edward Thurston, on or before the First Day of October next, that then the said Edward Thurston be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to commence Actions against all such of the said Collectors, as shall neglect to account as aforesaid.

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An ACT, in Addition to an Act, entitled, "An Act to prevent the Fish from being hindered, in their Courses, of going into *Point-Juditb* Ponds, and *Petaquamscut* River.

Act in Addition to an Act to prevent the Fish from being hindered in their Courses of going into *Point-Juditb* Ponds, and *Petaquamscut* River.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the future, no standing Net, or Seine, shall be set across the Channel, in the Ponds aforesaid, within the Extent of One Quarter of a Mile's Distance of the Four following Places, to wit :

--- *Alder Point*, near where *Saucatucket* River vents itself into the said Pond, *Wilkinson's Point*, so called, *Strawberry Hill*, on *Mumford's* or the great Island, and *High Hill*, so called, on Lands of *John Potter*, Esq; upon the Penalty of forfeiting the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered, applied and disposed of, in Manner and Form, as in and by the Act aforementioned is specified: Unless the Proprietors of the said several Places shall think proper to set such Nets and Seines for preventing the Fish, after they are in the upper Pond, going out: Always excepting at *Wheatfield Cove*, on the Lands of *George Hazard*, Esq; where the Proprietor or his Tenants may so do; provided the same doth not interfere with the Passage of the Channel.

No standing Net or Seine to be set across the Channel in certain Places under the Penalty of £. 10.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to, and for, the Proprietors of the said several Places aforementioned, to take up and destroy all such Nets and Seines as they shall discover to be set contrary to, and otherwise than this Act doth allow.

Nets and Seines so set may be destroyed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nicholas Gardner*, jun. *Hopson Wilcox*, *Joseph Arnold*, jun. and *Robert Crandal*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, chosen and appointed Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*.

Justices appointed for *Exeter*.



AN ACT for the better Preservation of Oysters within this Colony.

Act for the better Preservation of Oysters in this Colony.

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Vessels taking Oysters with Drags, or having them no Board, to be forfeited.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, in any of the Bays, Coves, Rivers or Harbours, within this Colony, take any Oysters with Drags, or by any other Instrument or Instruments, or by any other Method, which may have a greater Tendency to destroy the Beds of Oysters, than by the usual Method of taking them by Oyster-Tongs, or shall have any Drag or Drags on board any Vessel or Vessels, used or employed in taking or catching any Oysters, in any of the Bays, Coves, Rivers, or Harbours, aforesaid; he or they, or whoever else shall be Owner or Owners of any such Vessel, or Vessels, shall forfeit every such Vessel, or Vessels, so employed and found in taking Oysters, as aforesaid, together with all the Implements and Utenfils thereto belonging, to be recovered by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, before any of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, or General Sessions of the Peace, within this Colony; One Half whereof to be to and for the Use of the Colony, and the other Half thereof to such Person or Persons as shall inform and sue for the same.*

This Act  
to extend to  
Westerly.

*PROVIDED, nevertheless, and it is further Enacted, That this Act, nor any Part thereof, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to the Town of Westerly.*

Former Acts  
repealed.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Act or Acts, heretofore made for the Preservation of Oysters, within this Colony, be, and they are hereby, repealed.*



The Governor requested to write to Lord Dartmouth, on account of the Money due to the Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to acquaint the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, that the Assurance his Lordship hath given the Governor and Company of this Colony, of his Desire of serving them respecting their Demand upon the Crown, is very flattering to their just Expectations of, at length, obtaining the Monies so long due for*

or their most ready and faithful Services : That the Colony is the more encouraged in this, as the General Assembly have, they doubt not, answered the Expectations of His Majesty, in their Consideration of the Sufferers, recommended to them by His Majesty : And that the General Assembly desire his Lordships more particular Attention hereto, as they have just received Advice of the Death of their late Agent, and are, at present, destitute of an Agent that might repeat their Application to the Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Caleb Harris*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, chosen and appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Johnston*, in the Room of *Josiah King*, Esq; who declines serving : And that *Job Waterman*, jun. Esq; be, and he is hereby, chosen and appointed a Justice of the Peace, for the same Town, in Addition to those already chosen.

Justices appointed for *Johnston*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel W. Hookey*, One of the Deputy-Sheriffs for the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for attending upon the Examinations of *Lemuel Gussline*, who was apprehended for counterfeiting Money, assisting in carrying him to *Providence*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Nine Shillings and One Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel W. Hookey*, out of the General Treasury.

*D. W. Hookey* allowed £. 19 1.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That in Case the Directors of the Lottery, granted for raising Money, for repairing the Road, leading from *Providence* to *Plainfield*, do not present their Accounts to the Committee, appointed to audit said Accounts, within one Month, after the Rising of this Assembly, in Order to be settled, their Bonds be put in Suit.

Directors of *Plainfield-Road Lottery* to be sued in Case.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonathan Jeffers*, and *Benjamin Wilbur*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them

*J. Jeffers* and *B. Wilbur* allowed £. 14.

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charged against the Colony, for mending the Windows of the Court-House in *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, One Shilling and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers* and *Benjamin Wilbur*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Fenner* allowed £. 33  
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WHEREAS Mr. *John Fenner*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Fees of poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit, Repairs upon the said Gaol, &c. from the Year 1769, to the present Time : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Thirty-three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Fenner*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to examine into the State of the Colony's Debts upon Loan in *King's County*, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Pierce*, Esq; of *Exeter*, and *Robert Potter*, Esq; of *Charlestown*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to take the Certificate, made out by the Clerk of the Inferior Court for the County of *King's-County*, of outstanding Judgments, &c. That they examine the same, and search the Clerk's Office from whence it was taken, and such of the Town-Clerks Offices, within the said County, as may be necessary for obtaining the best Information possible, of the Circumstances of the Bonds, Mortgages, and outstanding Judgments, and Executions thereon, within the said County ; and how, or to whom, any Monies upon said Judgments have been paid : That they call upon *Hezekiah Babcock*, Esq; to lay his Account against the Colony before them, for Settlement : That have Power to call before them the present Sheriff and Deputy-Sheriffs, or any forme Sheriff or Deputy-Sheriffs, or any former Collectors of the Colony's Money, on said Bonds, &c. that they apprehend may give Light into said Account, and the State of said Bonds, Mortgages, or out-  
standing



standing Judgments : And that the said Committee make Report thereof to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*Provided nevertbeless, and it is further Voted and Resolved,* That nothing in this Act contained shall, in any Measure, obstruct the Operation of the Vote, passed at this Session, empowering and directing the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, to sue the delinquent Collectors of the Colony's Debts, in Case they do not account to him, in Manner as required, by the said Vote.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That George Hazard, Joseph Wanton, jun. and Walter Chaloner, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed, a Committee, to inquire what will be the Charge of removing the South Partition of the Room, in the Colony House in *Newport*, in which the Deputies sit, so far Southward, as to take in One Window, on the East Side, and One on the West Side of the Court-House, and to make Rails, to prevent the Spectators from pressing on the Members, and the Chair.

WHEREAS *Richard Smith*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Repairs made upon the Gaol, in the County of *Bristol* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Four Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General Treasury,

*R. Smith* allowed £. 2 4 3.



AN ACT for assessing, upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, a Rate or Tax of Four Thousand Pounds, lawful Money.

Act assessing a Tax.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted,* That a Rate or Tax of Four Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, shall be assessed upon

£. 4000 to be levied.



£. 2000 for  
paying the  
Colony's  
Debts; and  
£. 2000 for  
the Charges  
of Govern-  
ment.

upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be levied, collected, and paid into the General Treasury, on or before the First Day of *May* next: Two Thousand Pounds thereof to be applied towards paying the Debt owed by the Colony to the Estate of *John Scott*, late deceased, *Henry Marchant*, and *John Tillinghast*, all of *Newport*; and Two Thousand Pounds to defray the exigent Charges of Government.

Poll-Tax, 6s. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Poll-Tax shall be Six Pence for each and every Thousand Pounds; and that all Male Persons, of Twenty-one Years of Age, & upward, excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, shall pay the Poll-Tax.

Apportionment to the Towns. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby, apportioned unto and upon the several Towns in the following Manner, agreeable to the general Estimate: *That is to say,*

<i>NEWPORT</i> shall pay	£. 623	12	11 $\frac{1}{3}$
<i>Providence,</i>	237	16	4
<i>Warwick,</i>	190	1	6
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	184	15	6 $\frac{2}{3}$
<i>Westerly,</i>	110	16	1 $\frac{1}{3}$
<i>Newshoreham,</i>	49	3	2
<i>Norib-Kingstown,</i>	188	15	11 $\frac{1}{3}$
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	372	4	0 $\frac{2}{3}$
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	95	13	6 $\frac{2}{3}$
<i>Jamestown,</i>	80	11	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Smithfield,</i>	194	14	8 $\frac{2}{3}$
<i>Scituate,</i>	143	13	10
<i>Gloucester,</i>	123	5	0 $\frac{2}{3}$
<i>Charlestown,</i>	91	7	10
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	67	17	10
<i>Coventry,</i>	90	10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Exeter,</i>	97	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Middletown,</i>	130	9	10 $\frac{2}{3}$
<i>Bristol,</i>	108	12	6 $\frac{2}{3}$
<i>Tiverton,</i>	142	9	10
			<i>Little-Compton</i>

Little-Compton,	125	0	10
Warren,	38	8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cumberland,	71	19	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Richmond,	70	3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cranston,	132	5	0 $\frac{2}{3}$
Hopkinton,	93	16	2
Johnston,	54	13	10 $\frac{2}{3}$
North-Providence,	47	8	4
Barrington,	42	5	0

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof, as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum for which they shall be deficient, until the same shall be paid. And each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General Treasurer.

Delinquent  
Towns to pay  
Interest.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Assessors shall apportion the said Tax, and return a true List of the same unto the Town-Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Forty days after the Rising of this Assembly : And the said Town-Clerk is hereby directed to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed to issue his Warrant, within Four Days, to the several Collectors of Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the King's Name, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General Treasurer, for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

Rate-Lists to  
be returned  
to the Gene-  
ral Treasurer,  
who is to is-  
sue his War-  
rant for col-  
lecting.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges of assessing and collecting the aforesaid Tax, apportioned to such Town.

The Towns  
to pay the  
Expence of  
collecting.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That, upon the Neglect of any Town within this Colony to assess, collect, and pay into the General Treasury, their

General  
Treasurer to  
issue Execu-  
tions against  
the Town-  
Treasurers of  
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Proportion of said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Deficiency of said Tax, immediately after the said First Day of May next, returnable within Thirty Days.

Town Treasurers empowered to sue the Bonds given by Collectors at Special Courts.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this Colony be, and he is hereby, empowered to sue out and prosecute the Security, that shall be by him taken from the Collector of said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court in the County where such Security shall be taken. And such Special Court, when convened, shall have the same Power, and take the same Fees, as Special Courts have heretofore had in this Colony. And the Judgment of such Court shall be final.

Town Clerks to return the Names of the Treasurers and Collectors of Rates to the General Treasurer.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns in this Colony be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer and Collector of their respective Towns to the General Treasurer, at the same Time they send a Copy of the Tax-List.

Secretary to transmit a Copy of this Act to the several Towns.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this Colony, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors of his Town. And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence, in collecting and paying the same into the General Treasury, before or at the Time limited in this Act.

Committee to audit the Accounts of W. Chalonier.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of *Walter Chalonier, Esq;* be, and they are hereby, continued for that Purpose: And that they, or the major Part of them, make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of each County in this Colony, by them to be delivered to the several Town-Clerks in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the last Wednesday in *October* next, then to meet in *Newport*, if called ; but if not called at, nor before that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

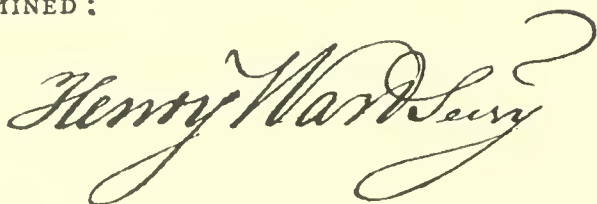
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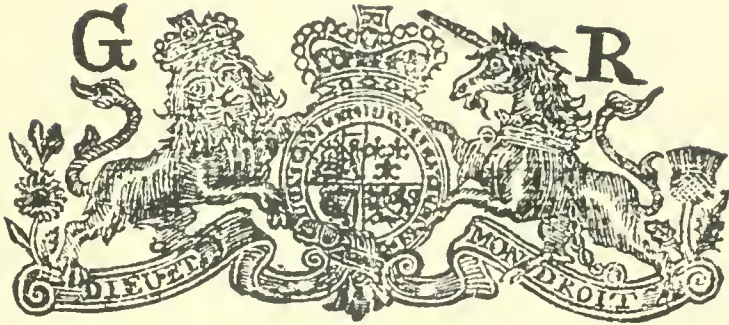
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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the said Colony, on the last Wednesday in *October*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, and Fourteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,  
The Honorable

*Joseph Wanton*, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;  
JAMES BARKER, Esq;  
SOLOMON DROWN, Esq;  
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;  
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;  
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
ROWLAND ROBINSON, Esq;  
WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

Assistants.

Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. Deputy-Secretary.

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT :

*Mr. John Wanton, (Son of Gideon)*  
*George Hazard, Esq;*  
*Joseph Wanton, jun. Esq;*  
*Mr. John Read,*  
*Mr. Thomas Freebody.*

## PROVIDENCE :

*Stephen Hopkins, Esq;*  
*Mr. John Jenckes,*  
*Mr. John Smith,*  
*Mr. John Matthewson.*

## PORTSMOUTH :

*Metcalf Bowler, Esq;*  
*John Jepson, Esq;*  
*Mr. Jonathan Brownell,*  
*John Shearman, Esq.*

## WARWICK :

*Mr. Benjamin Greene,*  
*William Greene, Esq;*  
*Mr. Jacob Greene,*  
*Mr. John Low.*

## WESTERLY :

*Joshua Babcock, Esq;*  
*Stephen Saunders, Esq.*

## NEW SHOREHAM :

*Mr. John Littlefield,*  
*Mr. John Sands.*

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

*Peter Phillips, Esq;*  
*John Northup, Esq.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

*John Potter, Esq;*  
*Mr. Carder Hazard,*

## EAST GREENWICH :

*Preserved Pearce, Esq.*

## JAMESTOWN :

*Mr. Edward Hull,*  
*Mr. Daniel Weeden, jun.*

## SMITHFIELD :

*Mr. Israel Wilkinson,*  
*William Winfor, Esq.*

## SCITUATE :

*Mr. Rufus Hopkins.*

## GLOUCESTER :

*Mr. John Inman.*

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower-House.*

## CHARLESTOWN :

*Sylvester Robinson, Esq;*  
*Mr. Jonathan Haffard.*

## WEST-GREENWICH :

*Thomas Gorton, Esq.*

## COVENTRY :

*Mr. Israel Bowen,*  
*Mr. Caleb Vaughan.*

## EXETER :

*George Pierce, Esq;*  
*Jeffery Wilcox, Esq.*

## MIDDLETOWN :

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*Mr. Isaac Smith.*

## BRISTOL :

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## TIVERTON :

*Oliver Cooke, Esq.*

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*Mr. Daniel Willbur.*

## WARREN :

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## CUMBERLAND :

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*Robert Stanton, Esq;*  
*Mr. Caleb Barber.*

## CRANSTON :

*Capt. Richard Searle,*  
*Christopher Lippitt, Esq;*

## HOPKINTON :

*Zaccheus Reynolds, Esq;*  
*Mr. Jesse Maxson.*

## JOHNSTON :

*Mr. Joseph Waterman,*  
*Mr. Jeduthun Belknap.*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

*Capt. Stephen Jenckes,*  
*Thomas Olney, Esq.*

## BARRINGTON :

*Mr. Thomas Allen.*

WHEREAS *Thomas Courtain*, now residing in *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, in this Colony, *Ma-*  
*riner*, but late of *Allueir*, in the Province of *St. Tonge*, in  
the Kingdom of *France*, preferred a Petition, & represent-  
ed unto this Assembly, that he was born in the King-  
dom of *France*, aforesaid, but came into this Colony in  
the Year 1765, and from that Time, to the present, hath  
sailed out of the Port of *Newport*, aforesaid, having in-  
termarried in the said Town, his Wife being since de-  
ceased : And that he hath still an Inclination of conti-  
nuing in, and becoming an Inhabitant of this Colony,  
and is desirous of enjoying all the Privileges, Immuni-  
ties, and Liberties, of a natural, Freeborn Subject, with-  
in the Dominions of the King of *Great-Britain*, &c.---  
And thereupon the said *Thomas Courtain* prayed this  
Assembly, that, for the Purpose aforesaid, an Act of Na-  
turalization may be passed in his Favour :

*T. Courtain*  
naturalized.

On Consideration whereof.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the*  
*Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That the Prayer of the  
said *Thomas Courtain*, in his aforesaid Petition contained,  
be granted : And that the said *Thomas Courtain* be, and  
he is hereby, Naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be  
adjudged, deemed, and taken to be Naturalized, to all  
Intents and Purposes ; and hereby is rendered equal, in  
every respect, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony :  
Provided he take the proper Oaths, by Law required.

AND afterwards, *to wit*, on the Twenty-eighth Day of  
the same *October*, the said *Thomas Courtain* appeared be-  
fore their Honors, the Governor and Council of this Co-  
lony, and took and subscribed the Oaths required, by  
Act of Parliament, in such Cases.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Fees of the Petit Fees of Jurors  
Jurors of the several Courts, in this Colony, be aug- augmented.  
mented to Eighteen Shillings, for the Trial of every  
Case, which shall be committed to them, for the fu-  
ture.

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Act incorpo-  
rating *Cooke's*  
Fountain-Soc-  
iety.

An ACT incorporating *Cook's* FOUNTAIN-SOCIETY.

WHEREAS by certain Indentures in Writing, dated the Eighteenth Day of *August*, A. D. 1773, between *Hopkins Cooke*, of *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, in the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Esq; of the One Part, and *Thomas Aldrich*, and *James Mitchel Varnum*, Esqrs. *Job Pearce*, and *Richard Matteson*, Merchants, all of said *East-Greenwich*, and *Silas Casey*, of *Warwick*, in said County, Esq; of the other Part, the said *Hopkins Cooke* hath granted unto them, and to their Heirs and Assigns, forever, a Spring, or Fountain of Water, in said *Warwick*, in Order that the same may be conveyed, by Means of Pipes or an Aqueduct, through the compact Part of said Town of *East-Greenwich*, as far as the Sea, or Salt Water, for the better supplying themselves, and all such others, as should thereafter join unto, or be admitted by them, for the carrying on, making, repairing and continuing, said Works: And whereas said Works will be of public Utility, and cannot be carried on to Effect, and be continued, unless those concerned therein be vested with certain Powers, and corporate Rights and Privileges:

AND this Assembly being willing to give all due Countenance, and Encouragement, to so beneficial a Design, do, for themselves and their Successors, Enact, Grant, Ordain and Declare, and by the Authority vested in them, It is Enacted, Granted, Ordained and Declared, That the said *Thomas Aldrich*, *James Mitchel Varnum*, *Job Pearce*, *Richard Matteson*, *Silas Casey*, together with *HopkinsCooke*, *Thomas Fry*, & Company, *Nathaniel Greene*, and Company, *Gideon Mumford*, *Archibald Crary*, *William Arnold*, *Samuel Smith*, *Daniel Greene*, *Micah Whitmarsh*, *James Searle*, *Augustus Mumford*, *Jabez Greene*, *Nathan Greene*, *Samuel Tripp*, *Samuel Upton*, *William Sweet*, jun. *Hope Campbell*, *John Reynolds*, *Thomas Spencer*, (Son of *Abner*) and *Joseph Whitmarsh*, with such others as the said Society shall, from Time to Time, admit as joint Members with them, shall be a Body corporate and



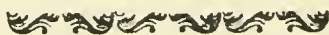
and politic, with perpetual Succession, to be known, in Law, by the Name of *Cooke's Fountain-Society*; and by that Name to sue and be sued, to take, receive and hold, any Gifts & Grants, of what Kind & Nature soever, with full Power to do every lawful Matter and Thing to complete the Execution & Continuance of said Design: And that, to this End, the said Company shall have an annual Meeting forever, on the First Thursday in *November*, for the Appointment of their annual Officers, and occasional Meetings, at such other Times as may, from Time to Time, be found necessary or convenient to be called, or convoked, in Manner hereafter mentioned; each Meeting to be held in such Place as they shall order and determine; and that Nine Members, being convened at any regular Time of Meeting, shall constitute a Meeting, and are hereby declared a *Quorum* of said Society: At each and all of which Meetings the said Society shall have full Power to make and enact any By-Laws or Regulations, to appoint such Officers as to themselves shall seem necessary, to assess & levy Monies on themselves, for said Purpose, in such way and Manner as they shall judge most expedient; and to cause all their Laws and Orders, not repugnant to the Laws of England, and this Colony, to be carried into full Effect and Execution: Provided always, That at said Annual Meeting, among other Officers, they shall appoint a Committee, who under the Direction and Control of the said Society shall have the whole Ordering and Management of every Matter and Thing respecting said Works, and how and in what Manner the same shall be repaired and continued; and also in what Manner, and to whom leading and conducting, Pipes shall be formed from the main Aqueducts: And that every Member of said Society shall have full Liberty, at his own Expence, to convey Water from the main Aqueducts, to and for the supply of one House, being the Property of one Person, as also Members, being Owners of Manufactories, to and for the Supply of their Works, each under the Direction of the aforesaid Committee, and agreeable to the Rules and Regulations of said Society.



*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said Society shall appoint a Clerk, who shall make Record of all Grants, Leases, and Agreements, respecting said Aqueducts, and all such By-Laws, and Regulations, as they may, from Time to Time, make and pass.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That if any special Occasion shall make it needful to hold a Meeting at any other Time than on the First Thursday in *November*, yearly, the same may be done, either by the major Part of the Committee, or any Five of the Members applying to the Clerk therefor, who shall thereon issue his Warrant, directed to any Member, or the proper Officer for calling the same.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said Society shall, and may, at all Times forever hereafter, have full and free Liberty to dig in any of the Streets, Lanes, or Highways, for the sinking and making said Aqueducts, and all Pipes leading therefrom, and for repairing the same, leaving the said Streets, Lanes and High-Ways, in as good Order as before, and doing the same as soon as may be.



Report of *W.*  
*Greene*, who  
is allowed  
18s.

WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

To the Honorable the General Assembly, to be holden at *South-Kingstown*, on the last Wednesday in *October*, A. D. 1773.

GENTLEMEN,

PURSUANT to the Resolve, passed at the last Session, appointing *George Taylor*, Esq; and me, a Committee to inquire particularly into the several outstanding Debts, as stated by a former Committee, annexed to the said Resolve, &c. I, the Subscriber, for the County of *Kent*, have applied to, and obtained of, the Clerk of said County, a Certificate that it doth not appear that any Actions have been brought to said Court, by *George Brown*, Esq; as Deputy to the Grand Committee, either  
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on Bond or Mortgage, since it hath been a County. I have also applied to *Daniel Spencer* (in whose Hands are the Papers left by his late Father, *Thomas Spencer*, deceased, as the said *Thomas* appears to have received, as Deputy-Sheriff to *Thomas Rice*, in the Year 1746, several of the outstanding Debts, as stated by the former Committee) to see if there had been any Settlement between the said *Thomas Spencer* and the late *Jonathan Nichols*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand-Committee's Office, in 1746, but have not been able to obtain any Light therefrom. As the said *Thomas Spencer's* Estate was left by him insolvent, I thought it necessary to apply to the Clerk of the Inferior Court of the County of *Providence*, and obtained a Certificate that the said *Thomas Rice* was High-Sheriff in the said Year, 1746, who I believe is now in good Circumstances. I have likewise inquired of several Individuals, who appear, by the Report of the former Committee, to have several of the outstanding Debts, or rather to have paid them to the said *Thomas Spencer*, but they can give little or no Light in the Affair. The above is from your kind Friend,

*William Greene.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted : And that Eighteen Shilling, lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to the said *William Greene*, for his abovementioned Services.

WHEREAS *Beriah Brown*, Esq; informed this Assembly, that he was the highest Bidder for a Tract of Land in *Exeter*, which was mortgaged to the Colony, by *Benoni Gardner*, and sold at public Vendue, for the Use of the Colony : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *Brown's* paying the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars, and giving Bond to the General Treasurer for the Remainder, with Interest for the same, from the 20th of *April* last, that he have a deed thereof : And that the Money arising by the said Sale be appropriated towards paying off the lawful Money Notes, given for Old Tenor Debts.

*B. Brown* to have a Deed of the Land he purchased.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Jacob Richardson* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Four Half Barrels of Gunpowder for *Fort-George* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jacob Richardson*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Jeffers* allowed £. 1 16s WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expenses, in carrying the Rate-Bills to the several Counties of *Providence, King's-County, Bristol and Kent* : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

*G. Lawton* allowed £. 1 1s WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Prison Fees and Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, One Shilling and a Penny, Half-Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

Report upon *W. Chaloner's* Account. WHEREAS *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; and Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit :

WE being appointed by the General Assembly (with *Samuel Dyre*, Esq;) a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Walter Chaloner*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, with the Colony, do report, That we have carefully examined his Accounts and Vouchers, and do find the Balance of Fifty-Six Pounds, Three Shillings and Nine Pence, Half-Penny, lawful Money, due to the Colony,

WE

October, 1773.

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WE submit this Report to the Honorable General Assembly, and are their

Most humble Servants,

*Thomas Cranston,*  
*George Hazard,*  
*Thomas Freebody.*

Colony of Rhode-Island, Dr.  
To *Thomas Cranston, G. Hazard, and*  
*T. Freebody,*

1773. To our Service in performing  
Oct. 26. the above business, 1 Day  
each, at 6s.

£. 0 18 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted T. Cranston,*  
*and Resolved,* That the said Report be, and hereby is, *G Hazard,*  
accepted: That the said Balance of Fifty-six Pounds, *& T. Freebody,*  
Three Shillings, and Nine Pence, Half-penny, be paid *allowed 18s*  
by the said *Walter Chalonier* into the General Treasury:  
That the said Account be allowed; and that Eighteen  
Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be  
paid the said *Thomas Cranston, George Hazard, and Tho-*  
*mas Freebody,* out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *George Taylor*, Esq; presented unto this *Report of G.*  
Assembly the following Report, *to wit:* *Taylor, who*  
To the Honorable the General Assembly, convened *is allowed*  
at *South-Kingstown*, on the last Wednesday in *October,*  
A. D. 1773. *£. 1 4 0.*

PURSUANT to a Resolve at your last Session, appointing *William Greene*, Esq; and me, a Committee, to inquire particularly into the several outstanding Debts, as stated by the former Committee, annexed to said Resolve, &c. I the Subscriber, for the County of *Providence*, with the Assistance of the Clerk of the Inferior Court of said County, have, with the utmost Care, examined every Article in the List annexed to said Resolve, with the former Committee's Notes on each, and compared them with the Judgments, Executions, and Writs, to them severally belonging, that were to be found in said Clerk's Office; and, to a few Shillings, in the whole,

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find them to agree with the Record to them respectively relating; excepting the following Articles.

UNDER Title Writs returned satisfied, the Money, &c.

*Jonathan Nichols, December, 1746; vs.*

*Robert Hazard, £. 57 0 should be*

*£. 5 0 Difference, - - - £. 52 0 0*

UNDER Title, Executions returned satisfied, the Money in several Officer's hands.-----

*Benjamin Nichols, December, 1753; vs.*

*John Place, £. 8 17 0, Received by*

*George Brown, - - - 8 17 0*

*Ditto, Ditto 1754; vs. Moses Bowdish,*

*£. 15 17, should be £. 8 7 Difference, - - - 7 10 0*

*Ditto, Ditto vs. Daniel Sweat, £. 8*

*16, Execution found, Received by G. Brown, - - - 8 16 0*

*Ditto, Ditto 1753; vs. Ephraim Aldrich, £. 9 17, Ditto found, Received by G. Brown, - - - 9 17 0*

*Ditto, Ditto 1753; vs. James King, £. 22 12, Ditto found, Received by G. Brown, - - - 22 12 0*

*Ditto Ditto vs. Samuel Sprague, £. 49 8 8, Ditto found, Received by G. Brown, - - - 49 8 8*

*Ditto, Ditto vs. Hezekiah Tinkom, £. 21 18, Ditto found, Received by G. Brown, - - - 21 18 0*

*G. Brown, - - - 21 18 0*

Deduct, £. 180 18 8

From the Foot of the Committee's List, 4299 1 10

Leaves examined, £. 4118 3 2

THERE appears no Vouchers in the Office, for the Committee's Notes, on the Articles against *Richard Thornton*, and *James King*, and Wife, amounting to £. 424 2 8.

Now in whose Hands all the Money, due in this County, lies is hard to ascertain, perhaps impossible truly



truly to investigate.---It appears that *David Wilkinfon* (the only surviving Sheriff of this County, in the Period under Consideration) is accountable for large Sums.---He has a small Tenement in his Hands, but it is said to be under Mortgage.---*John Potter*, and *Jonathan Olney*, the only Two Deputy-Sheriffs of that Period, now living ; the former is Insolvent ; the latter, both as an Officer, and Mortgager too, is able. *John Mawney*, the other Sheriff, in the same Period, is known to be dead, and has left a large Estate.

As to the several Mortgagers, and their Ability to pay, I have consulted the Town-Clerks of *Smithfield*, and *Gloucester*, had a Journey to *Scituate*, inquired of some of the most intelligent Men there, in *Cranston*, and in *North-Providence*, and discover that very many of them are dead ; many have left the Colony ; some of the living unable to pay ; and of those that are (for I have talked with a Number of them) their general Answer is that they have paid, or that they remember nothing of the Matter. If a List of their Names shall be thought needful, can send one to the Speaker, as soon as ordered, for I have taken Minutes of them already.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

*George Taylor.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted : That the said *George Taylor* be allowed, and paid, the Sum of One Pound, Four Shillings, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, for his above-mentioned Services : And that he be continued for the Purpose for which he was appointed, and transmit to this Assembly, at the next Session, a List of the Names of all those Persons against whom Judgments have been obtained, in the County of *Providence*, for Debts yet outstanding, by Mortgage or otherwise, with an Account of their Ability to pay, and the Reason why those Judgments have not been paid ; or, if paid, how and to whom, referring himself to the List annexed to the Report of a former Committee, made to *August* Session last.

WHEREAS

*J. Smith* allowed £. 1  
8 6.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Smith* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Work by him done for the Gaol in *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that One Pound, Eight Shillings, and Sixpence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Smith*, out of the General Treasury.

Lottery granted to build a House for public Worship in *Coventry*.

WHEREAS *Daniel Commins*, of *Coventry*, in the County of *Kent*, Yeoman, for, and in Behalf of, a religious Society of People, in said *Coventry*, of the Baptist Profession, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Society aforesaid have not been able, by Reason of their Poverty, to build a House for public, social Worship, in said Town, for the Edification of themselves and others, whose Sentiments correspond with theirs: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them the Liberty of raising Five Hundred Dollars, by Lottery, under the Direction of *John Rice*, *Thomas Matterson*, and *Nehemiah Potter*, all of said *Coventry*, Esqrs:

On Consideration whereof:

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions: Provided that no Charge arise to the Colony thereby.

*Francis Tanner* allowed certain Goods in his Hands.

WHEREAS Mr. *Francis Tanner* represented unto this Assembly, that he hath in his Hands some Goods, which were used in the Small-Pox, in *South-Kingstown*, in the Year 1762: And that he hath been at considerable Charge and Trouble about them; and prayed that he might have a reasonable Allowance therefor: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved* (with the Consent of the said *Francis Tanner*) that he shall take all the said Goods to his own Use, in Satisfaction for his said Trouble and Charge.

*A. Holden* allowed £. 14  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holden*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony,

lony, for repairing the said Gaol, and building a Privy-House, and for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; deducting One Pound, Seven Shillings, and Ten Pence, charged for the Support of *William Love* and *Andrew Craig*, to whom the said *Anthony Holdon* must apply for the same ; and that Fourteen Pounds, Seven Shillings and Ninepence, Three Farthings, lawful Money, being the Balance, be paid the said *Anthony Holdon*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS it appears unto this Assembly, that *John Fenner*, late Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Providence*, hath been paid by *Constant Weaver* and *James Wells*, for the Maintenance of *Ishmael Bennet*, a Prisoner at the King's Suit : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *George Hazard*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed to examine the Schedules, whether the said *John Fenner*, as Gaol Keeper, as aforesaid, hath been allowed for the Keeping of the said *Ishmael Bennet* : And if it shall appear to the said *George Hazard*, that the same hath been paid the said *John Fenner*, out of the General Treasury, that he then apply to the Attorney-General to commence an Action against the said *John Fenner* for the same.

*G. Hazard* to examine into a Charge made by *John Fenner*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Samuel Babcock*, jun. give Land Security to the General Treasurer, for the Money due from him to the Colony, being One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, with lawful Interest, from the Date of his Note : And that, in Case it be not done, on or before the First Day of May next, the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to put his Note in Suit.

*S. Babcock* to give Land Security.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Jacob Rodericus Rivera*, and *Edward Thurston*, jun. be, and they are hereby, appointed Directors of the Lottery, granted at the last Sessions of this Assembly, to *Benjamin Wickham*, Esq; they giving Bond in the usual Form : And that, in Case any of the Directors shall decline serving, the Town

Directors for *B. Wickham's* Lottery.

of *Newport* be, and hereby is, empowered, to appoint others in their Places ; the Persons so appointed giving Bond, as aforesaid.

Committee  
to audit the  
Account of  
*Barrington*  
Lottery.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Matthew Watson*, *Henry Bowen*, and *Samuel Bosworth*, be, and they, or the major part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the late *Barrington* Lottery : And that they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as conveniently may be.

Committee to  
audit the Se-  
cretary's Ac-  
counts.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Hazard*, and *John Jepson*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Secretary, with the Colony ; and that they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

Time for fi-  
ling Declara-  
tions and An-  
swers to *New-*  
*port* Inferior  
Court length-  
ened.

WHEREAS the Attornies have been obliged to attend this Assembly, at the present Session : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Time of filing Declarations to the Inferior Court, to be holden in *Newport*, in *November* next, be lengthened to Saturday, the Sixth Day of *November*, and the time of filing Answers to the Saturday before the Sitting of the Court.

*E. Tefft* al-  
lowed £. 1  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Tefft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, cleaning the Court-House, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Four Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ebenezer Tefft*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Tefft*, jun.  
allowed 14s.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Tefft*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Fourteen Shillings, law-  
ful



ful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Tefft*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jeremiah Sheffield* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Seventeen Shillings, and Six-pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jeremiah Sheffield*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Sheffield*  
allowed £.  
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*It is Voted and Resolved*, That if *John Andrews*, Esq; shall pay One Half of the Sum recovered against him, at the Suit of the General Treasurer of this Colony, at the Return of the Execution that shall issue against him, with the Interest of the whole Sum, from the Time the Report was made, for the Sum adjudged against him, that then the Attorney-General, or General Treasurer, give Orders to the Sheriff, in whose Hands the said Execution shall be, to return the same unsatisfied, for the Remainder for an Alias, when prayed for; the said *Andrews* paying the Interest of the Remainder, up to the Return of the Alias.

*J. Andrews*  
allowed Time  
to pay his  
Debt in Case.

IN Obedience to the Appointment of this Honorable General Assembly, for explaining a Report made by us, the Subscribers, upon *Ephraim Gardner's* Petition, we do Report, That having re-examined the same, we find that *William Gardner*, Son of *Henry*, did, on the 26th Day of *August*, A. D. 1728, and on the 16th Day of *September*, A. D. 1731, make and execute Two Deeds of Mortgage to the Colony's Trustees, conditioned for the Payment of £. 73 7 6, and £. 97 14 0.-----We also find that said Two Deeds were regularly discharged by One Deed given by *Ephraim Gardner*, for £. 171 7 6, being the Sum contained in the other Two Deeds; and it doth not appear to us that there ever were Bonds given with said *Ephraim's* Deed. We also report that there were Bonds put in Suit against the Devisees of the said *William Gardner*, which did agree in Date with One of his

Report upon  
*E. Gardner's*  
Petition.



his the said *William's* Deeds aforesaid, although the Sum was Sixteen Shillings short : That there never was any other Deed by him the said *William* given, agreeing therewith, either in Sum or Date : That there are no Bonds to be found in the Grand-Committee's Office, or Judgments unsatisfied, against said Two Deeds given by said *William* : That said *Ephraim's* Deed was put in Suit, and Judgment obtained, at the Inferior Court, *February* Term, in *King's-County*, A. D. 1753, which was returned satisfied for Debt and Cost, being £. 171 7 6 Debt, as aforesaid, and £. 15 16 4 Cost : And that upon all these Circumstances our Opinions were founded, that the said Money had been Twice paid to the Colony. All which we report and submit accordingly.

*August* 18, 1773.

*Stephen Hafzard,*  
*Daniel Rodman.*

Cost of examining, £. 0 12 0

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that the abovementioned Sums of One Hundred and Seventy-one Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six Pence, Old Tenor, Debt, and Fifteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Four Pence, Old Tenor, Cost, be paid the said *Ephraim Gardner*, out of the General Treasury.

*H. Peckham*  
to draw £. 15  
out of the General Treasury,  
to repair the Court-House in  
*Newport*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Henry Peckham* be, and he is hereby, appointed to raise and repair the lower Floor of the Court-House in *Newport*, at the Charge of the Colony : That he procure Stuff and Materials as soon as may be, and draw Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, to pay for the same : And that he perform the Work next Spring, by the next General Election.

Court-House  
to be built in  
*King's-County*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a new Court-House for the County of *King's-County* be built at the Charge of the Colony, on the same Lot of Land whereon the old Court-House now stands : That *George Hazard*, Esq; *William Potter*, Esq; Mr. *Joseph Brown*, *William Bradford*,

*Bradford*, Esq; and *William Greene*, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to consider of the Bigness and Form of said House, and make a Plan thereof : And that they lay the same before this Assembly, at the next Session.

WHEREAS *John Jepsen*, Esq; Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. and *Paul Tew*, Esq; who were appointed a Committee to settle the Accounts of *George Brown*, Esq; with the General Treasurer, have not yet completed the same : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That they be, and hereby are, continued a Committee for that Purpose ; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to settle G. Brown's Account, continued.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *George Hazard*, *Henry Ward*, and *Henry Marchant*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to consider of the Queries sent to this Colony by the Earl of *Dartmouth*, and to form an Answer to them ; and that they lay the same before this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to answer the Queries.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to write a Letter to the Earl of *Dartmouth*, advising him of the Receipt of the Queries ; and that the same were laid before the General Assembly, who have appointed a Committee to inspect into, & answer, the same : Also to request his Lordship, as this Colony hath not any Agent appointed at the Court of *Great-Britain*, that he will still be a Protector to the Colony, until an Agent shall be appointed : And also to solicit his Lordship that he will make Application to the Treasury Board for the Monies due to the Colony.

Governor to write to Lord Dartmouth.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Davis*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for serving a Capias upon *George Rome*, bringing him before the Lower House of Assembly, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the

W. Davis allowed £. 1 16 o.

same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Davis*, out of the General Treasury.

*B. Brown* allowed £. 1  
16 o.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriab Brown*, jun. a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for going to *Newport* with a Capias, to bring *George Rome* before the Lower House of Assembly, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriab Brown*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

*M. Bowler*  
allowed 12s.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Expense of sending a Writ to *Bristol*, to adjourn the Superior Court : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Metcalf Bowler*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Chalonier*  
to pay Interest.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Walter Chalonier*, Esq; pay Interest upon the Sum of Money found due, from him to the Colony, by the Committee who settled his Accounts, from the time the same were adjusted, until he shall pay the Balance into the General Treasury.

Committee to  
settle *G. Taylor's*  
Account  
continued.

WHEREAS a Committee was heretofore appointed to examine and settle the Accounts of *George Taylor*, Esq; with the Colony, which they have not yet effected : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee be, and hereby is, continued for that purpose ; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to  
inspect out-  
standing  
Judgments in  
*King's-Coun-  
ty* continued

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Robert Potter*, and *George Pierce*, Esqrs. who were heretofore appointed a Committee, to inspect into the outstanding Judgments, upon the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, in the County  
of

of *King's-County*; be, and they are hereby, continued Committee for that Purpose; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, by them to be transmitted, to each Town-Clerk, in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned, until the *Tuesday* before the First *Wednesday* in *May* next, at *Newport*, if then called; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

G O D save the K I N G.

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May, 1774,

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the First Wednesday in *May*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and Fourteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,  
The Honorable

*Joseph Wanton*, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;  
JAMES BARKER, Esq;  
SOLOMON DROWN, Esq;  
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;  
JOHN ALMY, Esq;  
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;  
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
ROWLAND ROBINSON, Esq;  
WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

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## NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;  
*Mr. John Wanton, (Son of Gideon)*  
 George Hazard, *Esq*;  
*Mr. John Bours,*  
*Mr. John Read,*  
*Mr. Thomas Freebody.*

## PROVIDENCE :

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*;  
*Mr. John Jenckes,*  
*Mr. John Smith,*  
*Mr. John Matthewson.*

## PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*;  
 John Jepson, *Esq*;  
*Mr. Joseph Brownell,*  
*John Shearman, Esq.*

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*William Greene, Esq*;  
*Mr. Jacob Greene,*  
*Mr. John Low.*

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 Stephen Saunders, *Esq.*

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*Mr. Walter Rathbun.*

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 John Northup, *Esq.*

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*Mr. Carder Hazard.*

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Preserved Pearce, *Esq*;  
 William Pearce, *Esq.*

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*Mr. Daniel Weeden, jun.*

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## GLOUCESTER :

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 Thomas Gorton, *Esq.*

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*Mr. Caleb Vaughan.*

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*Mr. Isaac Smith.*

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 William Bradford, *Esq.*

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*Mr. Caleb Barber.*

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*Thomas Potter, Esq.*

## HOPKINTON :

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq*;  
*Mr. Jesse Maxson.*

## JOHNSTON :

Edward Fenner, *Esq*;  
*Mr. Jeduthun Belknap.*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

*Capt. Stephen Jenckes,*  
*Thomas Olney, Esq.*

## BARRINGTON :

Nathaniel Martin, *Esq*;  
*Mr. Thomas Allen.*

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower-House.*

**T**HIS being the anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to serve the Colony, in the Offices ascribed to their respective Names, *to wit* :

The Hon. JOSEPH WANTON, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Hon. DARIUS SESSIONS, Esq; Dep. Gov. Engaged.

John Collins, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

Peleg Barker, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

David Harris, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.

John Sayles, jun. Esq; Fourth Assistant.

John Almy, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Wickes, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Jonathan Randall, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

John Congdon, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

William Potter, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

William Richmond, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

Henry Marchant, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

Stephen Hopkins, Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.
Metcalf Bowler, Esq;	Second	
William Greene, Esq;	Third	
Joseph Russell, Esq;	Fourth	
Job Bennet, Esq;	Fifth	

Daniel Dunham, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

George Hazard, Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Newport.
Jonath. Freeborn, Esq;	Second	
William Stoddard, Esq;	Third	
Thomas Church, Esq;	Fourth	
Benjamin Hall, Esq;	Fifth	

Nicholas Tillinghast, Esq;	Chief	} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Providence.
Richard Steere, Esq;	Second	
Ezekiel Cornell, Esq;	Third	
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;	Fourth	
Caleb Aldrich, Esq;	Fifth	

William

<i>William Potter</i> , Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's-County</i> .
<i>Joseph Hazard</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Simeon Perry</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Sylvester Robinson</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>John Northup</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

<i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> .
<i>William Munro</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>James Brown</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Martin Luther</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Josiah Humphry</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

<i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> .
<i>Thomas Aldrich</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Stephen Arnold</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>William Nichols</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>James Arnold</i> , jun. Esq;	Fifth	

*John Grelea*, jun, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

*Arthur Fenner*, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

*Daniel Rodman*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

*Jonathan Russell*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

*Hopkins Cook*, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

*Josias Lyndon*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

*Caleb Greene*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

*Benjamin Peckham*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

*Daniel Bradford*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common



Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

*Daniel Howland*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

*Walter Chalonier*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

*Paul Tew*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

*Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*.

*John Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

*Henry Rice*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

*Edward Thurston*, *John Jepson*, *Samuel Chace*, and *James Arnold*, jun. Esq; the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, for signing Bills of Public Credit.

And the aforesaid *Edward Thurston* is chosen, and specially appointed, to take, and have the Care and Charge of, the Colony's Mortgages, and Bonds for Tenths, and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon, and also to make proper Acquittances, and Discharges, upon the Mortgages or otherwise, when he receives any of the Colony's Money : And in Case of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as refuse or neglect to make due Payment.

And the same *Edward Thurston* is chosen General Sealer of Weights and Measures, throughout the Colony.

*Samuel Chace*, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

# JUSTICES of the PEACE in the several Towns.

## NEWPORT :

Martin Howard,  
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John Davis,  
Jonathan Easton,

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Daniel Dunham,  
Jonathan Rogers,  
John Pitman,  
James Tew, jun.  
James Clarke,  
William Guyse Hagger,  
Esqrs.  
B Providence :



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Joseph Nash,  
Samuel Butler,  
Jabez Bowen,  
Theodore Foster, *Esqrs.*

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Robert Dennis,  
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James Greene,  
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Joseph Clarke,  
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Stephen Perry,  
Tobias Saunders,  
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Philip Greene,  
Judiah Ailworth,  
Gideon Tripp,  
Thomas Tillinghast,  
Thomas Gorton, *Esqrs.*

*Coventry :*

John Rice,  
Samuel Wall,  
Jeremiah Fenner,  
John Greene, (*Son of Tho-*  
mas) *Esqrs.*

*Middletown :*

Joseph Peabody,  
John Barker,  
Thomas Peckham, *Esqrs.*

*Bristol :*

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*Bristol:*  
William Hoar,  
Daniel Bradford, *Esqrs.*

*Tiverton:*  
John Bowen,  
Walter Cooke,  
Benjamin Hambly,  
Joseph Tabor,  
Benjamin Jenckes,  
Gilbert Devel, *Esqrs.*

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Israel Stoddard,  
Aaron Wilbur,  
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John Kinnicut,  
William Turner Miller,  
*Esqrs.*

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Joseph Brown,  
Peter Darling,  
Nath'l Shepperdson, *usqrs.*

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George Webb,  
Robert Stanton, *Esqrs.*

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Thomas Potter, (*Son of John*)  
Christopher Lippitt,  
Ezekiel Warner,  
Anthony Aborn, *Esqrs.*

*North Providence:*  
Edward Tripp,  
Thomas Whipple,  
Hope Angell, *Esqrs.*

*Barrington:*  
Solomon Townsend, *jun.*  
Moses Tyler, *Esqrs.*

George Cornell, Captain of *Fort-George*

An ACT incorporating certain Persons, by  
the Name of *The Charitable Baptist So-*  
*ciety*, in the Town of *Providence*, in this  
Colony. Act incorpo-  
rating the  
Baptist Soci-  
ety in *Provi-*  
*dence.*

The GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Co-  
lony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in  
*New-England:*

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

W H E R E A S sundry Persons, belonging to the  
Congregation, assembling for the public Wor-  
ship of Almighty God, with the Christian Church, cal-  
led Baptist, or Antipædobaptist, in the Town of *Provi-*  
*dence*, being the oldest Christian Church in this Colony,  
and professing to believe that Water-Baptism ought to  
be administered by Immersion only, and that professed  
Believers

May, 1774.

Believers in Jesus Christ, and no others, are proper Subjects of the same, have petitioned this Assembly to grant them a Charter of Incorporation, with the Privileges and Powers herein after-mentioned : NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE, That we, the Governor and Company in General Assembly convened, do, for ourselves and our Successors, Enact, Grant, Ordain, Constitute, and Declare ; and it is hereby Enacted, Granted, Constituted, and declared, That *Paul Tew, John Brown, Nicholas Brown, John Jenckes, William Russell, Daniel Caboon, Aaron Mason, William Holroyd, Samuel Warner, Christopher Sheldon, Benjamin Stelle, Samuel Thurbur, jun. Benjamin Alger, Martin Thurber, Obadiab Sprague, William Wheaton, jun. Timothy Mason, Edward Thurber, Joseph Hewes, James Wheaton, jun. James Arnold, Nicholas Power, Daniel Tillinghast, Dexter Brown, Comfort Wheaton, Martin Seamans, James Wheaton, Simon Smith, William Corlis, Joseph Tillinghast, Charles Easterbrooks, Timothy Sheldon, jun. Charles Smith, Sylvanus Jenckes, Edward Knowles, Amos Horton, Nathaniel Saunders, Olney Windsor, and Refus Hopkins*, or such, or so many of them, as shall convene at the Baptist Meeting-House, in *Providence*, on the Second Monday in *June* next, on the Business of this Charter, & their Successors, shall be forever hereafter One Body Corporate & Politic, in Fact & Name, with perpetual Succession, to be known in the Law by the Name of *The Charitable Baptist Society*, in the Town of *Providence*, in the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*. And the said Charitable Society is hereby empowered to take, receive, and hold all, and any, voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies, and Donations of any Sum, or Sums of Money, or of any real and personal Estate : Also to have, take, possess, purchase, acquire, or otherwise receive and hold, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, or other Estates ; of all which they shall, and may stand seized, notwithstanding any Misnomer of this Corporation, and by whatever Name, or however imperfectly, the same shall be described, in Donations, Legacies, Assignments, and Grants ; provided the true Intent and  
Meaning

Meaning of the Assigner or Benefactor be evident : Also the said Charitable Society is hereby empowered to take, hold, and stand seized of, all Estates aforesaid, solely to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Baptist, or Antipædobaptist Church, and Congregation, and their Successors forever, and the same to use, occupy, and improve, toward the Support of Pastors, Relief of the Poor, in schooling their Children, or otherwise, or any other religious Uses in said Church and Congregation, according to the Will of the Donors, and to the Purposes, Trusts, and Uses, to which they shall be seized thereof, or the same shall be designed : Also to lease the real Estate, or the same to grant, demise, alien, or hold in Perpetuity, according to the Tenor of each particular Donation, or their Property therein ; and to let Monies on Bonds, Mortgages, or other Securities : And shall and may be Persons capable in the Law, as a Body corporate, to sue, and be sued, to plead, and be impleaded, to answer, and be answered unto, to defend, and pursue to final Judgment and Execution thereon, in all Courts and Places, and before all proper Judges whatever, in all and singular Suit, and Suits, Causes, and Actions, of what Kind soever, in the fullest and amplest Manner, by, and in the Name of, their Treasurer, for the Time being.

AND FURTHERMORE, said Body corporate, and their Successors forever hereafter, shall, and may, have a public Seal, which they may use for any Purposes or Affairs as to them shall seem expedient : Also it shall be lawful for them the same Seal to break, alter, and make anew, from Time to Time, at their Will and Pleasure.

AND be it further Enacted, That their shall be an annual Meeting of the said Charitable Society, in the said Town of *Providence*, on the Second Monday in *June*, forever ; at which Time they shall, out of their own Body politic, elect a Moderator, Treasurer, and Clerk, and such other Officers as they shall think needful : And that the Moderator, Treasurer, and Clerk, be sworn to the faithful Performance of their respective Trusts.

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AND FURTHERMORE, There shall be a quarterly Meeting of said Charitable Society, on the Second Monday in *September, December, and March*, forever : That the said Charitable Society shall have full Power to appoint any other Meetings, at such Times and Places, as to them, from Time to Time, shall seem necessary or expedient, more fully and effectually to accomplish the charitable Purposes aforesaid : And that they have Power, at any such Meetings, to appoint Committees, and transact all such Business as, according to this Charter, may regularly come before them : All which shall be done and determined by a Majority of the Members present.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That whatever Monies, or other Estates, both real and personal, the said Charitable Society may become seized, or possessed of, shall be and remain a capital Stock or Fund, and only the Interest, yearly Profits, or income thereof, shall be applied and appropriated to the Use of the said Baptist, or Antipædobaptist, Church and Congregation.

*POVIDED, nevertheless, and be it further Enacted*, That all Donations, to the said Charitable Society, by voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy, or otherwise (excepting such as shall be differently appropriated by the Donors) shall make a capital Stock or Fund for the Support of the Pastor, or Pastors, of the Church aforesaid ; and the yearly Interest or Income of the same shall be added, every Year successively, to the principal, which shall be thus augmented by Interest, and remain, Principal and Interest, unappropriated, until the yearly interest or Income of said Fund, so raised, shall amount to One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, per Annum : After which Time the said Sum of One Hundred Pounds shall yearly be paid, by the said Charitable Society, to the Pastor or Pastors, for the Time being, of said Baptist, or Antipædobaptist, Church, & their Successors, forever : *Provided, notwithstanding*, That when, and as soon as, a capital Stock or Fund shall be, by this Means, raised, to produce One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, per Annum, that then the Interest or yearly Income of all Donations made after-ward



ward to said Charitable Society, the Use and Purpose of which shall not be particularly specified by the Donors, shall be appropriated as a Majority of the said Charitable Society shall order and determine at any regular Meeting.

*AND be it further Enacted, That Nicholas Brown* be the First Moderator, *Daniel Caboone* the First Treasurer, and *Benjamin Stelle* the First Clerk of the said Charitable Society, to continue in their respective Offices until the Second Monday in *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five.

*AND be it further Enacted, That* the said Charitable Society, at any of their Meetings, may elect such Persons as they shall think proper to become Members of the same, and make such Rules, Orders, and By-Laws, and alter the same, as they, from Time to Time, shall judge necessary for the good Order of said Society; provided, that such Rules, Orders, and By-Laws, are not contrary to the Laws of this Government: And that any Seven Members of the said Charitable Society, convened at any regular Meeting (the Moderator, Treasurer, or Clerk, always to be One) are hereby declared to be a Quorum of the said Society.

*AND be it further Enacted, That* all Donations of whatsoever Kind, or howsoever made to the said Charitable Society, together with the Names of the Donors, and the Purposes and Uses for which said Donations shall be made shall be entered on Record by the Clerk for the Time being, as also their yearly Income, and its Appropriation from Time to Time, forever: And that the Treasurer's Accounts be exhibited, and audited, at every annual Meeting of the said Society.

*Provided, nevertheless, and be it further Enacted, That,* if ever the whole Number of the said Charitable Society, for the Time being, shall be reduced below Seven, then, and in such Case, all Monies, Bonds, Mortgages, Deeds, Notes, Obligations, Books, and Papers, of every Kind, together with all the Estate, both real and personal, at that Time belonging to the said Charitable Society, shall be given up to, and the sole Property thereof be vested in, the Baptist, or Antipædobaptist,

tist, Church and Congregation aforesaid, for whose Use and Benefit the said Charitable Society is instituted, to be received by a Committee by them appointed for that Purpose; and shall be punctually appropriated by them, to the Purposes, Trusts, and Uses, specified by the Donors to the said Charitable Society, or to which they are by this Charter empowered to appropriate the same, and no otherwise.

*Provided furthermore, and it is furthermore Enacted,* That no Part of this Charter shall be construed, or understood, to grant any Power or Powers to the said Charitable Society, to raise any Sum, or Sums, of Money, any otherwise than by free and voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy, or Donation. And in Case, at any Time hereafter, through Misapprehension, or mistaken Construction, of the Powers contained in this Charter, any Laws shall be enacted, or any Matters done & transacted, by this Corporation, contrary to the Tenor hereof, such Laws, Acts, and Doings, shall be in themselves null and void; but shall never be adjudged into an Avoidance, Defeazance, or Forfeiture of this Charter, but the same shall remain entire to the said Corporation, in perpetual Succession, forever. And all their Acts conformable to its Powers, Tenor, true Intent, and Meaning, shall be, and remain of full Force and legal Validity.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *William Bradford*, Esq; be added to *Henry Marchant*, Esq; as Attorney, to consult together, and carry on, Two Actions brought to the Inferior Court, held in *Newport*, in *November* last, in Behalf of the Colony, on Mortgages, against *James Milward*, and others, for Lands in *Newport*, called Point-Lots.

*W. Bradford,*  
to assist the  
Attorney-  
General in  
carrying on  
Actions in Be-  
half of the  
Colony.

WHEREAS Mr. *Henry Peckham* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Floor of the Court-House in *Newport*, providing Materials, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that

*H. Peckham*  
allowed £. 4  
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Four Pounds, Eleven Shillings, and Eight Pence, lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid the said *Henry Peckham*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Coventry* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That at the last Session a Lottery was granted, to raise Five Hundred Dollars, to be applied towards building a Meeting-House in said Town : And that *John Rice*, and *Thomas Matteson*, Esqrs. Two of the Directors, refuse to serve : And thereupon prayed that Mr. *Nathan Goff*, of *Coventry*, and Mr. *Ichabod Prentice*, of *East-Greenwich*, may be appointed Directors in their Stead : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

Directors appointed for *Coventry* Lottery.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Smith* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for providing Shackles, Bolts, &c. and repairing the Gaol, in the County of *Providence*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved* That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Four Pounds, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the *John Smith*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Smith* allowed £. 4 10 0.

WHEREAS *Henry Rice*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Fees, and the Expences of himself, and his Aid, in apprehending, and committing, divers Persons suspected of counterfeiting Money, &c. And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Ten Pounds, Three Shillings, and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General Treasury.

*H. Rice* allowed £. 10 3 9.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Pratt*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony,

*J. Pratt* allowed £. 0 11 0.

lony, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of *Peter Smith*, a poor Prisoner, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Eleven Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Pratt*, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Southwick*  
allowed £. 13  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly, Treasurer's Warrants, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Thirteen Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Eight Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.

*A. Newman*  
naturalized.

WHEREAS *Augustus Newman*, now residing in *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, in this Colony, Baker, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he was born in *Saxony* ; but in the last War served His Majesty in the Army, under the command of Prince *Ferdinand* ; and about Eight Years ago came to *Newport*, aforesaid, and in about a Year married a Woman of said Town, by whom he hath One Child : That by his honest Labour he hath purchased a considerable Estate in the said Town, consisting of Two Dwelling-Houses and Lots of Land : And that finding himself happily situated in this Colony, he is desirous of continuing therein, and enjoying all the Blessings of this happy Constitution : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him, by an Act of Naturalization, all the Privileges, Immunities and Liberties of a natural freeborn Subject within the Dominions of the King of *Great-Britain* :

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted, by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, *It is Enacted*, That the Prayer of the  
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the said *Augustus Newman*, in his aforesaid Petition contained, be granted : And that the said *Augustus Newman* be, and he is hereby, naturalized, and, forever hereafter, shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be, naturalized, to all Intents and Purposes ; and hereby is rendered equal, in every respect, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony : Provided he take the proper Oaths by Law required.

WHEREAS Mr. *Abial Brown*, of *South-Kingstown*, Lottery preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That on the Sixth Instant, his House, and the principal Part of his Furniture, were accidentally consumed by Fire, by which Misfortune he, with his Wife, and Four small Children, are reduced to a State of Poverty and Distress ; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him a Lottery, for raising the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars, in such and so many Classes as the Directors shall think best, to be applied to his Relief :

On Consideration whereof,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, upon the usual Conditions ; provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony : And that Messrs. *Robert Potter*, *Abijah Brown*, and *John Gardner* (Son of *John*) all of *South-Kingstown*, be appointed Directors of the said Lottery.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for paying in the last Colony Tax be lengthened out Three Months from the Rising of this Assembly : That Interest be paid until the Principal be discharged : And that the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed and empowered, to issue out Warrants of Distress against the respective Town-Treasurers for the Sums that shall remain unpaid at that Time, returnable in Twenty Days.

WHEREAS the Time for filing Declarations and Answers to the Inferior Court, to be holden in *Newport*, Time allowed for filing Declarations and Answers to May Court.



*May* instant, is inconvenient to some of the Attornies of the said Court, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Time of filing Declarations to the said Court be extended to Saturday before the Meeting thereof, and the Time of filing Answers to the Second Day of said Court.

Committee  
to deliver the  
Stores at  
Fort-George  
to the present  
Captain.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *John Read* and *Pardon Tillinghast* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to take an Account of the Stores at *Fort-George*, and receive the same of the late, and deliver them to the present, Captain of the said Fort, giving and taking Receipts : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to  
make a plan  
of a Court-  
House in  
*King's-County*  
continued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to consider of a Plan for building a new Court-House, in the County of *King's-County*, be, and they are hereby, continued for that Purpose : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Collector of  
Rates for  
*Johnston* al-  
lowed longer  
Time to pay  
in the Rate.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That if the Collector of Rates, for the Town of *Johnston*, shall immediately pay into the General Treasury, Eighteen Pounds of the Colony Rate, due in the Year 1772, he shall have Liberty to pay in the Remainder at Quarterly Payments : And that, in Case he shall neglect to pay the First, or any other Quarter, in due Season, the General Treasurer issue out a Warrant of Distress, for the whole that shall be due, returnable in Twenty Days.

Lottery  
granted to  
build a  
School-  
House in  
*East-Green-  
wich*.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of *East-Greenwich* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That there is, at present, but One School-House in the compact Part of the said Town : And that another is necessary for the Education of Youth : And thereupon prayed this Assembly, that a Lottery may be granted, to raise the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars, to be applied towards the purchasing a Lot, and building a public School-House in the said Town :

Town : And that *Preserved Pearce*, Esq; *Mr. Oliver Arnold*, and *Mr. John Reynolds*, all of *East-Greenwich*, and *Silas-Cassey*, Esq; and *Mr. Isaac Tripp*, jun. both of *Warwick*, may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery :

On Consideration whereof,

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, on the usual conditions ; provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Speaker of the Lower House, *John Jepson*, Esq; and *Mr. Pardon Tillinghast*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, with the Colony : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to audit the Naval-Officer's Account.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; and *Mr Chaisstopper Robinson*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to receive from *Stephen Hafsard*, Esq; the late, and deliver to *Benjamin Beckham*, Esq; the present, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of *King's-County*, the Records, Files of Papers, Seal, and all other Things belonging to the said Office : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to deliver the Records. &c. to the present Clerk of the Inferior Court in King's County.

WHEREAS *Mr. Griffin Greene*, of *Coventry*, Forge-Master, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That, at the Session of this Assembly, held in *August*, A. D. 1772, a Lottery was granted, to raise the Sum of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars, for repairing a Loss sustained by the Forge, in *Coventry*, aforesaid, being burnt : That Messrs. *William Greene*, *Christopher Greene*, and *Charles Holdon*, jun. of *Warwick*, were appointed Directors : That, in conformity thereto, Two Classes of said Lottery have been

Lottery granted to G. Greene.

drawn, for raising the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars only : That the Greatness of the Plan hath proved an unsurmountable Obstacle to its further Progress : That Messrs. *Nathaniel Greene* and Company, Parties concerned, are willing to relinquish their Interest in said Lottery, with Respect to any further Gain : And that he is and hath been a great Sufferer, and stands in Need of Assistance : And thereupon the said *Griffin Greene* prayed this Assembly that the Mode of said Lottery may be altered : And that he may be permitted to raise the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, by One or more Classes, under the Direction of the above-named Directors ; they complying with the usual Requisitions :

On Consideration whereof,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

Report of G. Pierce and R. Potter referred. They allowed £. 11 14 0.

WHEREAS *George Pierce*, and *Robert Potter*, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly a Report, concerning the outstanding Judgments in Favour of the Colony, in the County of *King's-County* ; and also presented unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Services in doing the Business, *to wit* :

<i>George Pierce</i> 17 Days, at 6s.	£. 5   2   0
<i>Robert Potter</i> 22 Days, at 6s.	6   12   0
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And the said Report and Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the former be referred unto the next Session : That the latter be allowed ; and that Eleven Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Pierce* and *Robert Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

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*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *Mr. John Jenckes*, *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; *Mr. Benjamin Greene*, and *Nathan Miller*, Esq; the Committee heretofore appointed to audit the accounts of the charges of finishing the Court-House in *Providence*, repairing the Court-House in *East-Greenwich*, building the Gaol in *Newport*, repairing *Fort George*, and the Wharf at *Goat-Island*, be, and they are hereby, continued a Committee to audit the several Accounts aforesaid: That they give Notice to all Persons concerned, to bring in their Accounts, immediately, to the Committee, that the same may be settled: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee  
for auditing  
the Account  
of building  
the Gaol in  
*Newport*, &c.  
continued.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Hazard* and *William Ellery*, Esqrs. for the County of *Newport*, and *Preserved Pearce* and *William Greene*, Esqrs. for the County of *Kent*, be, and they are hereby, appointed Committees in their respective Counties, to take the Certificates for said Counties, made out by the Clerks of those Counties, of outstanding Judgments, &c. now in the Hands of *Edward Thurston*, Esq; that they examine the same, & search the Clerks Offices from whence they were taken, and such of the Town Clerks Offices, within the said Counties, as may be necessary for obtaining the best Information possible, of the Circumstances of the Bonds, Mortgages and outstanding Judgments, and Executions thereon, within the said Counties, and how or to whom any Mories upon said Judgments have been paid, and from whom any is due: That they have Power to call before them the present Sheriffs, and Deputy Sheriffs, or any former Sheriff, or Deputy Sheriff, or any former Collector of the Colony's Money due on said Bonds, &c that they apprehend may give Light into said Lists, and the State of said Bonds, Mortgages or outstanding Judgments: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to  
examine into  
the State of  
ou standing  
Judgments in  
Favour of the  
Colony, in  
the Counties  
of *Newport*  
and *Kent*.

WHEREAS *Mr. George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Support and Prison Fees of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit: And the said Account

*G. Lawton* al-  
lowed £. 1 6  
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Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that One Pound, Six Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to  
audit G  
*Brown's* Ac  
count, conti-  
nued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to audit the Account of *George Brown*, with the Colony, be still continued for that Purpose: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*J. Jeffers* J.  
*Simpson*, and  
*S. Brown*, al-  
lowed £. 2 8  
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WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonathan Jeffers*, *John Simson*, and *Samuel Brown*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for lawing Wood tor, and cleaning, the Court-House in *Newport*, from *May*, A. D. 1773. to *May*, A. D. 1774, and providing Brooms: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Two Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, *John Simson*, and *Samuel Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Jenckes* al-  
lowed £. 1 11  
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WHEREAS Capt. *Stephen Jenckes* represented unto this Assembly, That the Committee who audited his Accounts, for repairing *Pawtucket* Bridge, had made a Mistake, to his Prejudice, of One Pound, Eleven Shillings, lawful Money: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of One Pound, Eleven Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Stephen Jenckes*, out of the General Treasury.

Persons ap-  
pointed to  
take the  
Number of  
Inhabitants  
in the Colo-  
ny.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Number of Families and Persons in this Colony be taken; specifying the Number of Whites, Indians, and Blacks, both Male and Female, and ascertaining the Number above, and under, the Age of Sixteen: And that the Persons whose Names are set down in the subsequent List be, and



and they are hereby, appointed to take the Account, in their respective Towns : *To wit,*

NEWPORT :	West-Greenwich :
Mr. Edward Thurston, jun.	Job Spencer, Esq.
William Coddington, Esq.	Coventry :
Providence :	Mr. Abel Benner.
James Angell, Esq.	Exeter :
Portsmouth :	George Peirce, Esq.
John Shearman, Esq.	Middletown :
Warwick :	John Barker, Esq.
Mr. Anthony Low.	Bristol :
Westerly :	Richard Smith, Esq.
Joseph Crandall, Esq.	Tiverton :
New-Shoreham :	Walter Cooke, Esq.
Mr. John Sands.	Little-Compton :
North-Kingstown :	Thomas Church, Esq.
Peter Phillips, Esq.	Warren :
South-Kingstown :	William Turner Miller, Esq.
Mr. Nathaniel Hawkins.	Cumberland :
East-Greenwich :	John Dexter, Esq.
William Pierce, Esq.	Richmond :
Jamestown :	Robert Stanton, Esq.
Benjamin Underwood, Esq.	Cranston :
Smithfield :	Thomas Potter, Esq.
Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq.	Hopkinton :
Scituate :	Thomas Wells, jun. Esq.
Mr. Rufus Hopkins.	Johnston :
Gloucester :	Edward Fenner, Esq.
Zebedee Hopkins, jun. Esq.	North-Providence :
Charlestown :	Hope Angell, Esq.
Mr. Jonathan Haffard.	Barrington :
	Mr. Thomas Allen.

*It is further Voted and Resolved,* That, in Case any of the above named Persons shall refuse, or by any Casualty be render unable, to serve, then the Deputies, in the respective Towns be, and they are hereby, empowered to appoint others in their Stead.

*And it is further Voted and Resolved,* That the Secretary transmit, by Expreß, as soon as possible, a Copy hereof, to the Persons above appointed ; and also furnish each Person with a proper Roll, with ruled Columns, to take the Numbers : And that the Persons

so appointed make Return thereof, to this Assembly, at the next Session.

The Thanks of the Assembly given to the Deputy-Governor. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the thanks of this Assembly be given the Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy Governor of this Colony, for his spirited Conduct in exerting his Authority for the honor of the Colony, in issuing a Proclamation for apprehending *Daniel Willson*, a Criminal under Sentence of Death, who had broke out of the Gaol in *Providence*: And that the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* present an Account of the Expences and Charges of apprehending the said *Willson* to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Governor allowed £. 30, and the Deputy-Governor, £. 15. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Thirty Pounds, lawful Money, be paid his Honor the Governor, out of the General Treasury, for his Salary for the Year 1773: And that Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, be paid his Honor the Deputy-Governor, out of the General Treasury, for his Salary for the same Year.

*J. Carter* allowed £. 0 18 0. WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing 300 Proclamations, for apprehending *Daniel Willson*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Carter*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; Mr. *John Wanton*, (Son of *Gideon*) and Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed, a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer with the Colony: And that they make Report to Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to audit T. Adrich's Account. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Benjamin Greene*, *Nathan Miller* and *John Matthewson*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine the

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the Account, of *Thomas Aldrich*, Esq; with the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office : And that they make Report of the State thereof, to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *John Mathewson*, *Benjamin Greene* and *Nathan Miller*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts, presented to this Assembly, by *George Taylor*, Esq. And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to  
audit *G. Taylor's*  
Account.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Election of Officers, not chosen at this Session, be referred to the next Session : And that, in the mean Time, the Persons now in Office be, and they are hereby, continued in their respective Offices, with as full Power and Authority, as they have at any Time before had.

Officers con-  
tinued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within ten Days after the rising of the Assembly ; and within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town Clerks in the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned unto the Second Monday in *June* next, then to meet in *Newport*.

Adjourn-  
ment.

G O D save the K I N G.

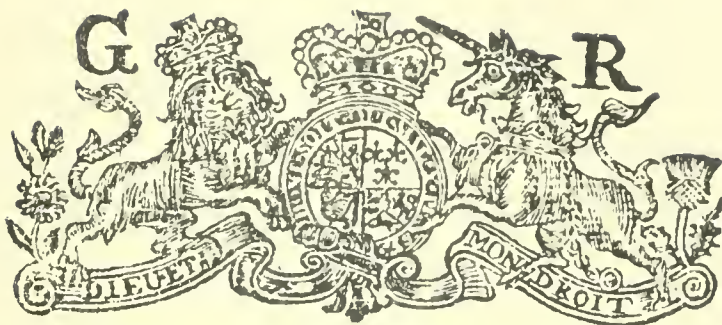
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W I T N E S S

*Henry Ward Sec'y*





At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the Second Monday in *June*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and Fourteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Joseph Wanton*, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;

PELEG BARKER, Esq;

DAVID HARRIS, Esq;

JOHN ALMY, Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

JOHN CONGDON, Esq;

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;

WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES



## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

<i>The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker,</i>	
NEWPORT :	CHARLESTOWN :
Thomas Cranston, <i>Esq;</i>	Sylvester Robinson, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. John Wanton, ( <i>Son of Gideon</i> )	Mr. Jesse Champlin.
George Hazard, <i>Esq;</i>	WEST-GREENWICH :
Mr. John Bours,	Benjamin Tillinghast, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. John Read,	Thomas Gorton, <i>Esq.</i>
Mr. Thomas Freebody.	COVENTRY :
PROVIDENCE :	Mr. Israel Bowen,
Stephen Hopkins, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Caleb Vaughan.
Mr. John Jenckes,	EXETER :
Mr. John Smith,	George Pierce, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. John Matthewson.	John Chapman, <i>Esq.</i>
PORTSMOUTH :	MIDDLETOWN :
John Jepson, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Isaac Smith.
Mr. Joseph Brownell,	BRISTOL :
John Shearman, <i>Esq.</i>	Simeon Potter, <i>Esq;</i>
WARWICK :	William Bradford, <i>Esq.</i>
Mr. Benjamin Greene,	TIVERTON :
William Greene, <i>Esq;</i>	Edward Gray, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Jacob Greene,	Capt. John Cooke.
Mr. John Low.	LITTLE-COMPTON :
WESTERLY :	Thomas Church, <i>Esq;</i>
Joshua Babcock, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Daniel Willbur.
Stephen Saunders, <i>Esq.</i>	WARREN :
NEW SHOREHAM :	Nathan Miller, <i>Esq.</i>
Mr. John Sands.	CUMBERLAND :
Mr. Walter Rathbun.	John Dexter, <i>Esq;</i>
NORTH-KINGSTOWN :	Nathaniel Shepperdson, <i>Esq.</i>
Peter Phillips, <i>Esq;</i>	RICHMOND :
John Northup, <i>Esq.</i>	Robert Stanton, <i>Esq;</i>
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :	Mr. Caleb Barber.
John Potter, <i>Esq;</i>	CRANSTON :
Mr. Carder Hazard.	Mr. Joseph Rhodes,
EAST GREENWICH :	Thomas Potter, <i>Esq.</i>
Preserved Pearce, <i>Esq;</i>	HOPKINTON :
William Pearce, <i>Esq.</i>	Thomas Wells, <i>jun. Esq;</i>
JAMESTOWN :	Mr. Jesse Maxson.
Mr. Edward Hull,	JOHNSTON :
Mr. Daniel Weeden, <i>jun.</i>	Edward Fenner, <i>Esq;</i>
SMITHFIELD :	Mr. Jeduthun Belknap.
Mr. Israel Wilkinfon,	NORTH PROVIDENCE :
William Winsor, <i>Esq.</i>	Capt. Stephen Jenckes,
SCITUATE :	Thomas Olney, <i>Esq.</i>
Ezekiel Cornell, <i>Esq;</i>	BARRINGTON :
Mr. Rufus Hopkins.	Nathaniel Martin, <i>Esq;</i>
GLOUCESTER :	Mr. Thomas Allen.
Silas Williams, <i>Esq.</i>	

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower-House.

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AN ACT incorporating the FIRST CON-  
GREGATIONAL CHURCH in *Newport*.

Act incorpo-  
rating *The*  
*First Congre-*  
*gational*  
*Church in*  
*Newport.*

THE GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English Colo-*  
*ny of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in*  
*New-England, in America,* convened in General As-  
sembly at *Newport*, in the said Colony, on the Se-  
cond Monday in *June*, in the Year of our Lord, One  
Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and  
in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His Most  
Sacred Majesty, *George the Third*, by the Grace of  
God, King of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland, &c.*

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS the Church and Congregation  
under the pastoral Care of the Rev. *Samuel*  
*Hopkins*, have petitioned this Assembly to grant them a  
Charter of Incorporation, with the Privileges and Pow-  
ers herein after-mentioned : *Now therefore know Ye,*  
That we, the said Governor and Company, in General  
Assembly convened, do for ourselves, and our Succes-  
sors, Enact, Grant, Ordain, Constitute and Declare, *And*  
*by the Authority thereof, It is hereby Enacted, Granted,*  
*Ordained and Declared,* That the Church and Congre-  
gation aforesaid shall be a Body, Corporate and Poli-  
tic, with perpetual Succession, to be known in the Law  
by the Name of *The First Congregational Church, in*  
*Newport, Rhode-Island* : And the same Body, Corpo-  
rate, is hereby empowered to hold and stand seized of  
all such Estate as they are already possessed of, and al-  
so to take, receive, acquire, and hold, Donation, Lega-  
cies, and Grants of Estate, both real and personal ;  
and the same to use, occupy, and improve, towards the  
Support of the Pastors, Relief of the Poor, or other re-  
ligious Uses, in said Congregation, according to the Will  
of the Donors, and to the Purposes for which the same  
shall have been designed and appropriated : All which  
Estate the said First Congregational Church may, & shall  
take, hold, and stand seized of, and improve, notwith-  
standing any Misnomer of this Corporation, and by  
whatever

whatever Name, or however imperfectly the same may be described in Donations, Legacies, Assignments, and Grants ; provided the true Intent, and Meaning, of the Assigner, or Benefactor, be evident. And the said First Congregational Church is hereby empowered to lease the real Estate, & also the same to grant, alien, or hold in Perpetuity, according to the Tenor of their Property therein : And to let Monies on Bonds, Mortgages, or other Securities : And shall and may be Persons capable in the Law, as a Body Corporate, in all Courts and Places, to sue and be sued, to defend and pursue to final Judgment and Execution thereon, in all Causes whatsoever, by and in the Names of such Persons as are herein declared to be the present Committee of said Body Corporate and Politic, or by and in the Names of their Successors in said Office.

*AND it is further Enacted, Ordained and Declared,* That those who, for the Time being, and at any and all Times hereafter, shall usually assemble together for public Worship, in the Meeting-House in *Mill-Street*, in *Newport*, aforesaid, belonging to the said First Congregational Church shall be deemed and they are hereby declared, the true and lawful Successors in this Corporation.

AND, furthermore, at the united Request of the Church and Congregation, *It is Declared*, That the Ministry, to whose Use this Corporation is by this Act empowered to hold Estates, shall be Congregational and Pædobaptist, and no other : And that the Pastors, in all Successions, be mutually chosen or dismissed by the Brethren of the Church, being Communicants in regular Standing in the same, and by the Congregation, that is, by a Concurrence of the respective Majorities of those present at public Meetings, duly notified for that Purpose : The Deacons, or oldest Member, to notify the Church-Meeting, in this Case, and the Committee to notify the Meeting of the Congregation.

*AND it is further Enacted,* That all Donations,  
Legacies,

Legacies, Assignments, and Grants, that have heretofore, or in any Time past, been made, or, in any Time hereafter, or to come, shall be made, to the Pastors, Elders, Deacons, or Brethren, so that a Limitation thereof to the Church, as distinct from the Congregation, shall be evident, then the same shall vest and remain in, and be at, the Management and Disposal of the Church, and its Successors, in their distinct and separate Capacity. And that the Church may lease its Estates, improve its Monies at Interest, by Bond or otherwise, and sue for and recover the same at Law. And all their Transactions, respecting the same, shall be of full force, and legal validity, without being joined by the Congregation.

*AND it is further Enacted,* That the secular Meetings of this Society shall continue to be called and notified, as usual, by the Committee thereof : And the said Congregation are empowered, at any such Meeting, to choose a Moderator, elect Committee-Men, such and so many as they shall, from Time to Time, think proper, and appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Officers as they shall judge necessary, and the same, at any Time, to remove, and others to choose and appoint in their Stead : And to make such Laws, Rules, and Orders, for the necessary Repairs of the Meeting-House, and such other By-Laws and Regulations, about the secular Affairs of the said Congregation, as they shall see fit, not contrary to the Laws of this Government.

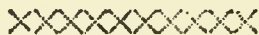
*AND it is hereby Declared,* That Nathaniel Coggeshall, Elnathan Hammond, David Moore, James Tanner, Benjamin Peabodie, William Giles, George Buckmaster, Oliver Ring Warner, Joseph Burrill, Timothy Balch, James Caboone, Samuel Yeates, and Elias Gilbert, be, and remain, the present Committee, so long as said Congregation shall continue them, and until they are removed. and others chosen in their Places.

*AND it is further Enacted,* That whatever Estate is or shall be held by said First Congregational Church, either by Purchase or Donation, the same shall never



be alienated from the Uses and Purposes thereof, nor applied towards the Support of any other Ministry or Mode of Worship than what now obtains therein. And in Case, at any Time hereafter, any of said Church or Congregation shall alter and change their Principles respecting Congregational Ordination of Pastors, Elders, or any other Officers of the Church, or the Mode of Worship, or any other religious Usages practised or acknowledged in the same, the Individuals, so changing their Principles, shall cease to have Part in the Management or Appropriation of the Incomes and Profits of the Estate ; but the same shall be and remain to those, and those only, who shall remain and abide by the original Principles of the said Church, who are hereby declared to be the true and only Successors of the present Members of this Corporation : And they, and such their Successors, shall continue to hold, improve, and enjoy, the Estate, to the Uses prescribed ; and particularly, what shall be appropriated to the Ministry, shall be held to the Use of such Congregational Ministry, in said First Congregational Church, as is herein before defined, and for no other whatever.

In full Testimony of which Grant, said Governor and Company do hereby order that this Act of Incorporation, or an Exemplification thereof, be authenticated by the Signature of the Governor and Secretary, and by the public Seal of this Colony : And the same being delivered to the said First Congregational Church, shall be a sufficient Warrant to them to hold, use, exercise, and enjoy, all the Privileges and powers herein contained.



Lottery  
granted to B.  
Greene.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Greene*, One of the Owners of the Iron-Works, in *Coventry*, called *Greene's Iron-Works*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That a Lottery was heretofore granted to the Owners of the said Iron-Works, to enable them to rebuild them, after they had been consumed by Fire : That the said Owners have received but small Benefit from



from the said Lottery : That the Expence of rebuilding them hath been very great, and particularly heavy upon him : And that as the said Branch of Business is exceeding advantageous to the Public, he is greatly encouraged to hope that a Lottery, for his Relief, will be soon filled : And thereupon the said *Benjamin Greene* prayed this Assembly to grant him a Lottery. to raise the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars, towards discharging the Expences of rebuilding the said Iron-Works : And that Capt. *David Brayton*, of *Coventry*, Mr. *Daniel Hall*, of *North-Kingstown*, and Mr. *John Greene*, (Son of *David*) of *Warwick*, be appointed Directors thereof :

On Consideration whereof,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Conditions and Restrictions ; provided no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Read*, and *Pardon Tillinghast*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit :

Report of the Committee who delivered the Stores at Fort George to the Captain.

*Newport, June, 1774.*

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable General Assembly, at *May Session*, A. D. 1774, to take an Account of the Stores belonging to *Fort-George*, &c. have, in Obedience thereto, performed the same, and have given and taken Receipts agreeable to the Inventory herewith presented.-----All which we submit to the Honorable General Assembly.

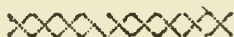
*Pardon Tillinghast,*  
*John Read.*

The Colony of *Rhode-Island* Dr. to the Committee,  
For performing the said Business,  
1 Day each, at 6*s*.

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AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted :  
And

And that the Account of the Committee be approved; and paid by the present Captain of the said Fort.



Act in Amendment of and Addition to the Act incorporating the Artillery Company in the County of Providence.

AN ACT in Amendment of, and Addition to, an Act passed by this General Assembly, at the Session held at *Newport*, on the Fourth Tuesday in *May*, 1744, incorporating divers Persons, in the County of *Providence*, into a Military Company, by the Name of *The Artillery Company*.

WHEREAS the Persons who now compose the said Company for weighty Reasons, are greatly desirous that as well the Name, by which the said Company was incorporated, should be altered and changed, as that some further Additions should be made to the aforesaid Act :

*BE it therefore Enacted, by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the aforesaid Act of Incorporation, so far as it respects the the Name thereof, be, and hereby is, repealed : And that from henceforth the said Company shall be called and known by the Name of The Cadet Company, in the County of Providence.*

AND whereas, in the said Act of Incorporation, the Rank of the Officers of the said Company, and of the Company itself, are not ascertained and settled, whereby some Dispute and Altercation may hereafter arise : For the Prevention whereof, and for the further Encouragement of the said Company in the military Art :

*BE it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Captain of said Cadet Company shall be of the Rank of a Colonel, the First Lieutenant of the Rank of a Lieutenant-Colonel, the Second Lieutenant of the Rank of a Major, and the Ensign of the Rank of a Captain : And that upon all Field Days, and public Trainings, the said Cadet Company shall always hold their Rank, and take their Station, on the Right Wing of the Regiment in whose District the said Company is included.*

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THE following Return of the Officers chosen by the Cadet Company (late called the Artillery Company) in the County of *Providence*, to wit :

Officers of the Cadet Company in the County of *Providence*.

*Joseph Nightingale*, Captain ; *William Russell*, First Lieutenant, *Nathaniel Greene*, Second Lieutenant, *Ebenezer Thompson*, Ensign, was read in Council ; and being duly considered, the said Officers are approved.

WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holdon*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Support of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Eighteen Shillings and Three Pence, Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anthony Holdon*, out of the General Treasury.

*A. Holdon* allowed £. 1 18 3.

WHEREAS Mr. *Christopher Robinson*, and *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report of the Committee who delivered the Records, &c. to the Clerk of the Inferior Court of *King's County*.

WE the Subscribers, in Obedience to the Order of the General Assembly, made at the Session in *May*, A. D. 1774, did, upon the 27th Day of said *May*, receive of *Stephen Haffard*, Esq; late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of *King's-County*, all the Records, Files of Papers, Seal, and other Things, belonging to the said Office, and did, on the same Day, deliver them to *Benjamin Peckham*, Esq; the present Clerk of the said Court ; and have given and taken Receipts for the same.

*Christopher Robinson*,  
*Daniel Rodman*.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

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WHEREAS Mr. *George Rome* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Six Half-Barrels of Gunpowder, delivered to the Gunner of *Fort-George*, for the Use of said Fort : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twenty-one Pounds, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Rome*, out of the General Treasury.

Chairs to be  
purchased for  
the Court-  
House in  
*Newport*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be, and he is hereby, directed to purchase, at the Charge of the Colony, One Dozen of common Chairs, for the Deputies Room, in the Court-House in *Newport*.

*W. Potter* ap-  
pointed to  
build a new  
Court-House  
in *King's-  
County*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed to procure a new Court-House to be built, in the County of *King's-County*, upon the Place where the old Court-House now stands, agreeable to the Plan presented to this Assembly by the Committee appointed for that Purpose : That he sell the old Court-House for what it will fetch, and apply the Money, arising from the Sale thereof, towards building the new Court-House : And that the said old House remain in the Condition it is now in, until after the Sitting of the Superior Court, in *April* next.

Resolutions  
respecting the  
alarming Si-  
tuation of the  
Colonies.

THIS Assembly taking into the most serious Consideration several Acts of the *British* Parliament, for levying Taxes upon his Majesty's Subjects, in *America*, without their Consent, and particularly an Act lately passed, for blocking up the Port of *Boston* ; which Act, even upon the Supposition that the People of *Boston* had justly deserved Punishment, is scarcely to be paralleled in History, for the Severity of the Vengeance executed upon them ; and also considering to what a deplorable State this, and all the other Colonies are reduced, when, by an Act of Parliament, in which the Subjects in *America* have not a single Voice, and without being heard,

heard, they may be divested of Property, and deprived of Liberty ; do, upon mature deliberation, RESOLVE,

1st. THAT it is the Opinion of this Assembly, that a firm and inviolable Union of all the Colonies, in Councils and Measures, is absolutely necessary for the Preservation of their Rights and Liberties ; and that, for that Purpose, a Convention of Representatives, from all the Colonies, ought to be holden, in some suitable Place, as soon as may be, in order to consult upon proper Measures to obtain a Repeal of the said Acts, and to establish the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies upon a just and solid Foundation.

2d. THAT the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, and the Hon. *Samuel Ward*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed by this Assembly, to represent the People of this Colony, in a general Congress of Representatives from the other Colonies, at such Time and Place, as shall be agreed upon by the major Part of the Committees appointed, or to be appointed, by the Colonies in general.

3d. THAT they consult and advise with the Representatives of the other Colonies, who shall meet in such Congress, upon a loyal and dutiful Petition, and Remonstrance, to be presented to his Majesty, as the united Voice or his faithful Subjects in *America*, setting forth the Grievances they labour under, and praying his gracious Interposition for their Relief : And that in case a major Part of the Representatives of all the Colonies shall agree upon such Petition, and Remonstrance, they be empowered to sign the same in Behalf of this Colony.

4th. THAT they also consult, and advise, upon all such reasonable and lawful Measures, as may be expedient for the Colonies, in an united Manner, to pursue, in order to procure a Redress of their Grievances, and to ascertain and establish their Rights and Liberties.

5th. THAT



5th. THAT they also endeavour to procure a regular, annual Convention of Representatives from all the Colonies, to consider of proper Means for the Preservation of the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies.

6th. THAT the Speaker of the Lower House transmit, as soon as may be, Copies of these Resolutions to the present or late Speakers of the respective Houses of Representatives of all the *British* Colonies upon the Continent.

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AN establishing an Independent Company of Light Infantry for the County of Providence.

AN ACT establishing an Independent Company, by the Name of *The Light-Infantry* for the County of *Providence*.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, in Time of War, depends, under God, upon the military Skill and Discipline of the Inhabitants : And whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence*, to wit : *John Matthewson, Jonathan Ellis, Thomas Truman, Asa Franklin, Joseph Snow, jun. Charles Bowler, Benjamin Gladding, John Allen, Peter Taylor, Gabriel Allen, Silas Talbut, Joseph Hoyle, Allen Peck, Daniel Jackson, Benjamin Hoppen, and Joseph Mumford*, have offered themselves to begin, and with such others as are or shall be added to them, to form themselves into a Company, by the Name of *The Light-Infantry*, in the County of *Providence*, and, by their humble Petition, prayed this Assembly to grant them a Charter with such Privileges, and under such Restrictions and Limitations, as this Assembly might think proper :

WHEREFORE, this Assembly, in Order to give all due Encouragement to so laudable a Design, have Ordained, Constituted, and Granted, and, by these Presents, do Ordain, Constitute, and Grant, That they, the Petitioners beforenamed, together with such others as shall be hereafter added to them (not exceeding the Number of One Hundred, exclusive of Officers) be,  
and

and they are hereby, declared to be an *Independent Company*, by the Name of *The Light-Infantry*, for the County of *Providence* : And by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have and enjoy all the Rights, Powers, and Privileges, in this Grant hereafter mentioned.

IMPRIMIS. It is granted unto the said Company, that they, or the greater Number of them, shall and may, once in every Year, that is to say, on the last Tuesday in *April*, meet and assemble themselves together, in some convenient Place by them appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit* : One Captain, Two Lieutenants, One Ensign, and all other Officers necessary for training, disciplining, and well ordering of the said Company. At which Election no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Votes then present : The Captain, Lieutenants, and Ensign, to be approved of by the Governor and Council, for the Time being, and shall be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner that other military Officers in this Colony are.

SECONDLY. That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet, and exercise themselves, upon such other Days, and as often as they shall think necessary, and not be subject to the Orders or Directions of the Colonel or other Field Officers of the Regiment, in whose District they live, in said Meeting and Exercising : And that they be obliged to meet, for Exercising, at least Four Times in the Year, upon the Penalty of paying, to, and for the Use of, the said Company, the following Fines, *to wit* : The Captain, for each Day's Neglect, Three Pounds, lawful Money, the Lieutenants and Ensign, each Twenty Shillings, lawful Money, the Clerk, the Sergeants and Corporals, each Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, and the common Soldiers, each Six Shillings, lawful Money, to be levied by Warrant of Distress from the Captain, or superior Officer of said Company, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

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THIRDLY. That the said Company, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make such Rules & Orders among themselves, as they shall think necessary to promote the End of the Establishment ; and to lay such Fines and Forfeitures upon any of their own Company, for the Breach of any such Rules and Orders as they shall think proper, so as the same exceed not Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, for any Offence. And also shall have full Power to levy the said Fines and Forfeitures, they shall so impose, by a Warrant of Distress from the Captain, or superior Officer of the said Company, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

FOURTHLY. That all those who shall be duly enlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing military Duty (Watching and Warding excepted) in the several Companies, or trained Bands, in whose District they respectively live ; excepting such as shall at any Time be Officers in any of the said Companies.

FIFTHLY. That the commissioned Officers of the said Company, from Time to Time, shall be of the Court Martial and Council of War, in the Regiment in whose District they live.

SIXTHLY. If any Officer, or Officers of the said Company, shall be disapproved by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said Town of *Providence*, or shall be taken away by Death, that then, in either of those Cases, the Captain of the said Company, or the superior Officer for the Time being, shall call the said Company together as soon as conveniently may be, and choose another, or others, in the Room of such Officer, or Officers so disapproved, removed, or taken away by Death, in the same Manner as is herein before described.

SEVENTHLY. And for the further Encouragement of the said Company, it is further granted to the said Company,

Company, that the Captain of the said Company shall be of the Rank of a Colonel. the First Lieutenant of the Rank of a Lieutenant-Colonel, the Second Lieutenant of the Rank of a Major, and the Ensign of the Rank of a Captain : And that, upon all Field-Days, and public Trainings, the said Company of Light-Infantry shall hold their Rank and Station in the Front of the left Wing of the Regiment in whose District they are included.

EIGHTHLY. That the said Company, in the Time of an Alarm, shall be under the immediate Direction of the Captain-General of the Colony : And that the Officers be commissioned accordingly.

WHICH foregoing Charter was *Voted* to be accepted, and to pass as an Act of this Assembly : And it is *Ordered*, That the Secretary draw a fair Copy of the said Charter, sign the same, affix the Colony Seal thereto, record it in the public Records, and present the said fair Draught, signed and sealed as aforesaid, to the said Company.



AT the Request of the Persons formed into a Com- Officers ap-  
pany, by the Name of *The Light-Infantry*, for the pointed for  
County of *Providence*, It is *Voted and Resolved*, That the Company  
the following Persons be, and hereby are, appointed of Light In-  
the First commissioned Officers for the said Company, fantry in the  
County of  
*Providence*.  
to wit :

*John Matthewson*, Captain, *Jonathan Ellis*, First Lieutenant, *Thomas Truman*, Second Lieutenant, *Asa Franklin*, Ensign.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the Lottery  
Towns of *Warwick* and *Cranston* preferred a Petition, granted to  
and represented unto this Assembly, That they have build a Par-  
built a Meeting-House for the Church and Congrega- sonage House  
tion of the Baptist Denomination, at *Pawtuxet* : And at *Pawtuxet*.  
that there is still wanting, at the said Place, a Parson-  
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age House and Lot, for the Settlement and Dwelling of the Minister of the said Congregation : And therefore prayed this Assembly to grant a Lottery for raising the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, for the Purpose of purchasing a Parsonage Lot, and building a Parsonage House, to be, and remain, forever hereafter, to and for the Use of the Minister of the said Congregation, at said *Pawtuxet* : And that *Anthony Aborn*, Esq; and Mr. *Nebemiah Rhodes*, both of *Cranston*, aforesaid, and *Robert Rhodes*, Esq; and Mr. *Benjamin Arnold*, both of *Warwick*, aforesaid, may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery, to raise the said Sum of Money, for the Purpose aforesaid, as soon as conveniently may be :

On Consideration whereof,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Conditions and Restrictions ; provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby.

Report upon  
*P. Tew's* Account, who  
is allowed  
£. 37 7 10.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Smith*, and *John Matthewson*, who were appointed, by the Lower House, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Paul Tew*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, written upon the said Account, *to wit* :

*Newport, June 16, 1774.*

WE, the Subscribers, have examined the within Account, with all the Vouchers, and report, That there is due to the within named *Paul Tew*, the Sum of Thirty-seven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Ten Pence, lawful Money, including Four Pounds, Ten Shillings, which he hath charged for executing one *Daniel Wilson*.----- Which is submitted to your Honors, by

Your humble Servants,  
*John Smith,*  
*John Matthewson.*

AND



AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted; and that the said Sum of Thirty-seven Pounds, Seven Shillings, and Ten Pence, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *Mr. John Jenckes*, *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; *Mr. Benjamin Greene*, and *Nathan Miller*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly a State of the Accompts of *Mr. Benjamin Man*, for finishing the Court-House, in the County of *Providence*, and the following Report thereon, *to wit* :

Report of the  
Committee  
upon *B. Man's*  
Account who  
is allowed  
£. 10 10 5½

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable General Assembly, a Committee, to audit the Accompts of *Mr. Benjamin Man* with the Colony, do report, that we have examined his Accompts, and what Vouchers he produced, and find a Balance due from the Colony, to the said *Benjamin Man*, of Ten Pounds, Ten Shillings, and Five Pence, Three Farthings, lawful Money.

All which is submitted, by

*Metcalf Bowler,*  
*John Jenckes,*  
*Joshua Babcock,*  
*Benjamin Greene,*  
*Nathan Miller.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted; and that the Sum of Ten Pounds, Ten Shillings, and Five Pence, Three Farthings, lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be allowed and paid the said *Benjamin Man*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Mr. Benjamin Man* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Gaol in the County of *Providence* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby

*B. Man* allowed  
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by is, allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Man*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee  
to see the Act  
permitting  
Rocks to be  
blown at  
*Pawtucket-  
Falls*, truly  
executed.

WHEREAS the General Assembly, at their Session held in *August*, A. D. 1773, passed an Act, entitled “ An Act making it lawful to break down and blow up the Rocks at *Pawtucket-Falls*, to let Fish pass up ;” through a Misunderstanding of which Act, many Disadvantages have happened : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, and the Honorable *Darius Sessions*, Esqrs. and *Mr. Moses Brown*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, with Power to see the said Act truly executed : And that no Rocks be blown up, nor any Thing done, by Virtue of said Act, but by the Direction or Permission of the said Committee, or any Two of them.



Act explanatory  
of an Act  
granting Re-  
views of real  
and personal  
Actions.

AN ACT explanatory of an Act granting Reviews of real and personal Actions.

IN Establishment of the good Practice upon the said Act, whatever may have been conceived from the Letter thereof, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, That whenever a Verdict and Judgment, upon any personal Action, shall be given and made for any Sum, at any of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this Colony, and, upon an Appeal had thereon to the Superior Court, a Verdict and Judgment shall be given and made for a different Sum, the Party aggrieved, at the Judgment of the Superior Court, shall and may have Liberty to review his Cause once in the same Superior Court, in like Manner as Reviews, in other Cases, are already had.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,*

*said*, That, upon such Review, if the Plaintiff in Review, being the original Defendant, shall obtain a Confirmation of the First mentioned Judgment, or obtain a Verdict and Judgment for an intermediate Sum, he shall obtain his Cost upon the said Review only, and the original Plaintiff shall have and recover his Costs at the Two First Courts : But in Case the original Plaintiff, being dissatisfied with the Judgment of the Superior Court, shall review said Cause, and establish the Verdict and Judgment given at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, or obtain Verdict and Judgment for an intermediate Sum, he shall, in that Case, recover his Costs, at any Time by him expended in that Suit : Any Law to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.



WHEREAS Messrs. *Benjamin Greene, Nathan Miller,* Report upon  
*and John Fenckes, and Joshua Babcock, and Metcalf* W. Greene's  
*Bowler, Esqrs,* presented unto this Assembly a State of Account, who  
 the Account of *William Greene, Esq;* for repairing the is allowed  
 Court-House in *East-Greenwich,* and the following Re- £. 67 7 2½.  
 port thereon, *to wit :*

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *William Greene, Esq;* with the Colony, do report, That we have duly examined what Vouchers he produced, together with his whole Account, and find a Balance due from the Colony, to the said *William Greene,* of Sixty-seven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Two Pence, Three Farthings, lawful Money.

All which is submitted, by

*Benjamin Greene,  
 Nathan Miller,  
 John Fenckes,  
 Joshua Babcock,  
 Metcalf Bowler.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ;

accepted : And that the Sum of Sixty-seven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Two Pence, Three Farthings, lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *William Greene*, out of the General Treasury.

Petition respecting the Fishery in *Pawtuxet* River referred.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition, praying that the Towns of *Warwick* and *Cranston* may be empowered to farm out the Alewife Fishery, in *Pawtuxet* River, be referred to the next Session : And that, in the mean Time, the several Towns, interested in the subject Matter of the said Petition, be cited to appear, if they think fit, at the next Session, to answer the same.

Lottery granted to build a Baptist Meeting-House in *Providence*.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Nicholas Brown, Joseph Brown, John Brown, Benjamin Thurber, Daniel Caboone, Daniel Tillinghast, Edward Thurber, William Russell, Nathaniel Wheaton, Christopher Sheldou, Ephraim Wheaton, and John Jenckes*, the Committee of the Baptist or Antipædobaptist Society, in the Town of *Providence*, did, in Behalf of said Society, prefer a Petition, and represent unto this Assembly, That the said Society hath purchased a convenient Lot, to build a Meeting-House upon, for the public Worship of Almighty God, and holding the public Commencements in ; and that the Purchase of the said Lot, together with the building a proper House for the Purposes aforesaid, will be attended with very great Expence : And thereupon prayed that a Lottery may be granted, to raise the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, to enable the said Society to carry their pious Designs into Execution :

On Consideration whereof,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions and Conditions ; provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby, and that the First Class of the said Lottery be not drawn until the First Day of *October* next.

AND

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Nicholas Brown, John Jenckes, Benjamin Thurber, Daniel Tillinghast, William Russell, Edward Thurber, Nathaniel Wheaton, James Arnold, William Holroyd, and Nicholas Power, be, and they are hereby, appointed Directors of the said Lottery.*

WHEREAS a certain Act of the *British* Parliament, for stopping up the Harbour of *Boston*, is now in its full Operation, to the great Distress of that Town in particular, and of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in general : And whereas it appears to this Assembly, that the said Act is in direct Violation of the Rights and Liberties of that People, and, as such, is truly alarming to every Colony upon the Continent of *British America*, with a Sense whereof this Assembly is deeply impressed : And whereas the Supreme Being, upon Account of our manifold Sins, may have permitted the present Invasions of *American* Liberty, and every public Evil with which we are threatened : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Thursday, the Thirtieth Day of this instant June, be set apart as a Day of public Fasting, Prayer, and Supplication, throughout this Colony, to beseech Almighty God to grant us sincere Repentance ; to avert every threatened Judgment from us, and restore us to the full Enjoyment of our Rights and Privileges ; and, in particular, that he would appear for the Relief and Recovery of the Town of Boston, from their present distressed Situation : And that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to issue a Proclamation accordingly, recommending a decent and due Observance thereof, by all public, religious, Societies, as well as Individuals.*

Act setting apart a Day for a Fast.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly hath a tender Commiseration for the Poor in Boston, and will, at a future Session, cheerfully assist towards their Support, as their Necessities may require, and the Abilities of the Colony afford.*

Vote for assisting the Poor in Boston.

WHEREAS *Gideon Almy, of Tiverton, in the County of*

Lottery granted to G. Almy.



June, 1774.

of *Newport*, Trader, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the last Fall he laid out every Shilling he was worth in fitting out Two Third Parts of the Sloop *Sally*, on a whaling Voyage : That the said Sloop, meeting with Success, had got on Board One Hundred and Twenty Barrels of Oil, by the latter End of *January* last : And that the said Sloop being obliged. in a Gale of Wind, to come to an Anchor under *Hispaniola*, was seized by a *French* Frigate, carried into *Port-au-Prince*, and there, with her whole Cargo, condemned as lawful Prize ; by which Misfortune he hath totally lost upwards of Two Thousand Dollars, being the whole what he was worth, and had scraped together, by his unwearied Diligence and Industry, and is deprived of the Means of putting himself into any Way of Business, to support a Wife and Seven Children : And thereupon, the said *Gideon Almy* prayed this Assembly to grant him a Lottery, under the Direction of Messrs. *Edward Gray*, *Joseph Wanton*, jun. *John Cooke*, and *Isaac Corey*, for raising the Sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars, to help him forward in Business again :

On Consideration whereof,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Conditions and Restrictions ; provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for mending the Windows at *Fort-George* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Eighteen Shillings, and Eight Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Jeffers* allowed £. 0 18 0.  
Committee to inquire into Two Deeds made by *J. Scott* and *I. Northup*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *John Bours*, *John Wanton* and *Thomas Freebody*, be, and they, or the major

major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, to examine into the Circumstances of an Affair between the Colony and *John Jepson*, Esq; respecting a Deed of Sale, given to him by *Joseph Scott*, late of *Newport*, Esq; deceased, as Sheriff of the County of *Newport*; and also to inquire into the Circumstances of another Affair of the same Nature, respecting a Deed of Sale, made by *Immanuel Northup*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, to *Stephen Hall*: And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Major *Preserved Pearce*, Mr. *Jacob Greene*, *William Greene*, Esq; and *Thomas Church*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to inspect the Gaol-House in *Newport*, and determine what Parts thereof shall be improved by the Keeper of the said Gaol, for the Use of himself and his Family: And that the Remainder be improved by the Prisoners, who by Law may have the Use thereof.

Committee to set apart such Rooms in the Gaol in *Newport*, as are necessary for the Gaoler.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General, Mr. *John Read*, and Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill to prevent the introducing, and passing, false Copper Money in this Colony: And that they present the same to this General Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Committee to prepare a Bill to prevent the passing of counterfeit Copper Coin.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, directed to advertise in the public Prints, in this Colony, the Dimensions of the Court-House to be built in the County of *King's-County*, and the Manner in which it is to be built, and finished, and request the House-Carpenters in the Colony to send in to him their Proposals, for building the same, in Writing, sealed up: That he contract by the Great with such Carpenter or Carpenters, as shall appear skilful, and will undertake the Business upon the best Terms: That he do the same with Regard to Masons, and other Workmen: And that the said *William Potter* be, & he is hereby, empowered

Directions for the building of the Court-House in *King's-County*.

£. 300 allowed towards the said Building. powered, to draw out of the General Treasury, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, towards carrying on the said Building.

Sheriff of  
Newport justified for not  
committing  
B. Wickham.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Conduct of *Walter Chalonier*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, in returning the Execution *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General Treasurer, vs. *Benjamin Wickham*, Esq; unsatisfied, for an alias Execution, to the last Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of *Newport*, be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Report of the  
Committee  
upon *G. Taylor's* Account,  
who is allowed  
£. 20 4  
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WHEREAS Messrs. *Benjamin Greene*, *John Matthewson*, and *Nathan Miller*, who were appointed a Committee, to audit the Account of *George Taylor*, Esq; as Deputy to the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, for the County of *Providence*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, written upon the said Account, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed to audit the foregoing Account, do report, that we have examined the same, and find due thereon, from the Colony, to the said *George Taylor*, Twenty Pounds, Four Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money. All which is humbly submitted, by

*Benjamin Greene,*  
*John Matthewson,*  
*Nathan Miller.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted : And that Twenty Pounds, Four Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *George Taylor*, out of the General Treasury.

Act prohibiting  
the Importation of  
Negroes into  
this Colony.

AN ACT prohibiting the Importation of Negroes into this Colony.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of *America* are generally engaged in the Preservation of their own Rights and Liberties, among which that of personal

nal Freedom must be considered as the greatest ; and as those who are desirous of enjoying all the Advantages of Liberty themselves, should be willing to extend personal Liberty to others :

*THEREFORE be it Enacted, by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the future no Negro or Mulatto Slave shall be brought into this Colony : And in Case any Slave shall hereafter be brought in, he or she shall be, and are hereby, rendered immediately free, so far as respects personal Freedom, and the Enjoyment of private property, in the same Manner as the native Indians.*

*PROVIDED, nevertheless, That this Law shall not extend to Servants of Persons travelling through this Colony, who are not inhabitants thereof, and who carry them out with them when they leave the same.*

*PROVIDED, also, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be deemed to extend, to any Negro or Mulatto Slave, belonging to any Inhabitant of either of the British Colonies, Islands, or Plantations, who shall come into this Colony, with an Intention to settle or reside, for a Number of Years, therein ; but such Negro or Mulatto, so brought into this Colony, by such Person inclining to settle or reside therein, shall be, and remain in the same Situation, and subject in like Manner to their Master or Mistress, as they were in the Colony or Plantation from whence they removed.*

*PROVIDED, nevertheless, That if any Person, so coming into this Colony, to settle or reside, as aforesaid, shall afterwards remove out of the same, such Person shall be obliged to carry all such Negro or Mulatto Slaves, as also all such as shall be born from them, out of the Colony with them.*

*PROVIDED, also, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be deemed to extend, to any Negro or Mulatto Slave brought from the Coast of Africa, into the*  
G
*West-Indies.*



*West-Indies*, on board any Vessel belonging to this Colony, and which Negro or Mulatto Slave could not be disposed of in the *West-Indies*, but shall be brought into this Colony : Provided that the Owner of such Negro or Mulatto Slave give Bond to the General Treasurer of the said Colony, within Ten Days after such Arrival, in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, for each and every such Negro or Mulatto Slave so brought in, that such Negro or Mulatto Slave shall be exported out of the Colony within One Year from the Date of such Bond ; if such Negro or Mulatto be alive, and in a Condition to be removed. Provided, also, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be deemed to extend, to any Negro or Mulatto Slave that may be on board any Vessel belonging to this Colony, now at Sea, in her present Voyage.

AND to prevent any Slave or Slaves from being clandestinely brought into this Colony, in Order that they may be free, and liable to become chargeable, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Persons, so offending, shall be liable to, and pay, a Fine of One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, for each and every One so brought in, to and for the Use of the Colony, to be recovered in the same Manner that other Fines and Forfeitures usually are, by the Laws of this Government. And also all Persons who shall be convicted of receiving, harbouring, or concealing, any such Negro or Mulatto Slave, within this Colony, he or they, so offending, shall be liable to the like Penalty, to be recovered and applied in the same Manner. And such Negro or Mulatto shall be sent out of the Colony, as other poor Persons are, by Law.

*W. Siddall*  
allowed £. 0  
12 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Siddall* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for ruling Ten Quires of Paper, with suitable Columns, for taking an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Colony : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money



Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Siddall*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Clarke* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going <sup>*J. Clarke al-*</sup> Express, by Order of this Assembly, to notify *John Sayles*, jun. Esq; of his being chosen One of the Assistants of this Colony : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Two Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Clarke*, out of the General Treasury. <sup>*lowed £. 2 2*</sup>

WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonatban Jeffers*, and *Benjamin Wilbur* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by <sup>*J. Jeffers and*</sup> them charged against the Colony, for mending the Windows of the Court-House, in *Newport* : And the said <sup>*B. Wilbur al-*</sup> Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Seven Shillings, and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonatban Jeffers*, and *Benjamin Wilbur*, out of the General Treasury. <sup>*lowed £. 1 7*</sup>

WHEREAS Capt. *George T. Cornell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for sundry Necessaries by him provided for <sup>*G. T. Cornell*</sup> *Fort-George* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Twelve Shillings and Eleven Pence, One Farthing, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George T. Cornell*, out of the General Treasury. <sup>*allowed £. 1 12 11½*</sup>

WHEREAS *Thomas George*, late Captain of *Fort-George*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by <sup>*T. George, al-*</sup> him charged against the Colony, for his Salary for the <sup>*lowed £. 14*</sup> last Year, and for sundry Necessaries by him provided <sup>*13 6.*</sup> for the Use of the said Fort : And the said Account being

ing duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Fourteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas George*, out of the General Treasury.

*O. Warner* allowed £. 100. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Oliver Ring Warner* be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw out of the General Treasury One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, for carrying on the Repairs of *Fort-George* : And that he sell the uselefs old Timber, Iron, Lime Hogheads, Tar Barrels, Shovels, Hoes, and other old uselefs Things, at the said Fort, for the Use of the Colony.

*T. Aldrich* allowed £. 100. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Thomas Aldrich* be, and he is hereby, empowered to draw out of General Treasury One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, towards the Repairs of the Court-House in *East-Greenwich*.

Committee to audit *H. Babcock's* Account. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Benjamin Greene*, Mr. *John Matthewson*, and *Nathan Miller*, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Hezekiah Babcock*, Esq; with the Colony : And that they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as conveniently may be.

*C. Champlin* allowed £. 14 8 o. WHEREAS *Christopher Champlin*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Eight Quarter-Casks of Gun-Powder, delivered to the Gunner of *Fort-George*, for the Use of the said Fort : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Fourteen Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Christopher Champlin*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the Persons who numbered the Inhabitants.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Carder Hazard*,

ard, Benjamin Greene, and John Read, be, and they, or any Two of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of all the Persons who, according to Appointment, have taken an Account of the Number of the People in this Colony : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Committees, appointed by this Assembly, who have not made Report, be, and they are hereby, continued for the Purposes for which they were respectively appointed : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committees  
who have not  
made Report  
continued.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition from divers of the Inhabitants of Middletown, praying that the Act granting an Excise on Wine and other strong Liquors, in said Town, may be repealed, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session ; and that in the mean Time the Town Treasurer of the said Town of Middletown be cited to appear then, to answer the same.

Petition from  
Middletown,  
praying the  
Excise upon  
spirituous Li-  
quors may be  
taken off, re-  
ferred.

WHEREAS Mr. Solomon Southwick exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of this Assembly at May Session, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Six Pounds, Two Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Solomon Southwick, out of the General Treasury.

S. Southwick  
allowed £. 6  
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WHEREAS Paul Tew, Esq; Mr. Edward Thurston, jun. and John Jepson, Esq; presented unto this Assembly a Report upon the Accounts of George Brown, Esq; and also an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Services in examining the said Accounts : Which being considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be referred to the next Session, for further Consideration : That the said Account be allowed ; and that Four Pounds, Ten Shillings, lawful Mo-

Report upon  
G. Brown's  
Accounts re-  
ferred.

ney, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Paul Tew, Edward Thurston, jun. and John Jepson*, out of the General Treasury.

Report made  
by *E. Thurston*,  
jun. of  
the Number  
of Inhabi-  
tants in the  
Colony :  
And he al-  
lowed 6/.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Thurston, jun.* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

PURSUANT to the appointment of the Honorable House, I have completed the Lists from the several Towns, of the Numbers of Families and Persons, and find the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, contains Nine Thousand, Four Hundred, and Forty-nine Families, and Fifty-nine Thousand, Six Hundred, and Seventy-eight Inhabitants; of which Fifty-four Thousand, Four Hundred, and Thirty-five are Whites, One Thousand, Four Hundred, and Eighty-two are Indians, and Three Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Sixty-one are Blacks; agreeable to the List herewith presented. Which is submitted by

Your Honors

To the Honorable the  
House of Deputies.

humble Servant,  
*Edward Thurston, jun.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted; that the Secretary insert in the Schedule of the Acts, and Orders of this Assembly, the List, with the said Report presented: And that Six Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed, and paid the said *Edward Thurston, jun.* out of the General Treasury, for his abovementioned Service.

Officers con-  
tinued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Election of Officers not chosen at this Session, be referred to the next Session: And that, in the mean Time, the Persons now in Office, be, and they are hereby, continued in their respective Offices, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time before had.

Adjourn-  
ment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby,

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TOTAL.

NEWP	9209
Provide	4321
Portsmo	1512
Warwic	2438
Westerly	1812
New-Sh	575
North-K	2472
South-K	2835
East-Gr	1663
Jameston	563
Smithfie	2888
Scituate	3601
Glouceste	2945
Charlesto	1821
West-Gr	1764
Coventry	2023
Exeter,	1864
Middleto	881
Bristol,	1209
Tiverton	1957
Little-C	1232
Warren,	979
Cumberl	1756
Richmon	1257
Granslon	1834
Hopkint	1805
Johnston	1031
North-F	830
Barring	601

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The following is the Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Colony, ordered to be inserted in the Schedule, by the Votecepting the Report of Mr. *Edward Thurston, jun.*

TOWNS.	FAMILIES.	WHITES.				INDIANS.				BLACKS.				TOTAL.
		MALES.		FEMALES.		MALES.		FEM.	MALES.		FEMALES.			
		Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	
NEWPORT,	1590	2100	1558	2624	1635	4	8	31	3	454	204	403	185	9209
Providence,	655	1219	850	1049	832	10	16	23	19	99	50	89	65	4321
Portsmouth,	220	343	341	400	285	2	8	6	5	46	24	35	17	1512
Warwick,	353	569	512	615	465	15	33	25	15	68	35	45	41	2438
Westerly,	257	421	441	443	401	8	12	10	7	11	15	20	23	1812
New-Shoreham,	75	109	119	121	120	5	12	20	14	15	7	20	13	575
North-Kingstown,	361	538	497	595	552	10	23	27	19	68	48	61	34	2472
South-Kingstown,	364	550	554	597	484	40	48	69	53	151	89	113	87	2835
East-Greenwich,	275	416	345	464	338	5	7	11	8	13	16	24	16	1663
Jamestown,	69	110	90	118	82	6	4	14	8	43	32	25	31	563
Smithfield,	476	742	665	769	638	8	7	4	4	15	9	18	9	2888
Scituate,	564	909	879	933	817	1	3	3	1	18	13	16	8	3601
Gloucester,	525	743	724	740	719	0	0	0	0	7	4	6	2	2945
Charlestown,	307	312	315	350	264	124	140	161	103	18	14	9	11	1821
West-Greenwich,	304	429	395	465	456	0	0	0	0	5	8	2	4	1764
Coventry,	274	474	554	493	470	4	1	4	3	6	6	5	3	2023
Exeter,	289	441	415	478	446	3	5	6	3	23	12	19	13	1864
Middletown,	123	210	179	259	156	5	1	5	2	34	11	14	5	881
Bristol,	197	272	232	319	256	4	7	3	2	44	27	25	18	1209
Tiverton,	208	418	500	438	434	6	26	25	15	29	21	29	16	1957
Little-Compton,	218	304	254	382	220	1	5	13	6	18	4	19	6	1232
Warren,	168	237	251	255	185	1	0	3	3	17	5	11	11	979
Cumberland	264	400	408	478	450	0	0	2	1	7	1	6	3	1756
Richmond,	189	286	316	324	287	1	10	3	6	7	4	6	7	1257
Granston,	340	455	399	517	390	8	4	3	5	19	13	10	11	1834
Hopkinton,	298	421	423	477	415	7	8	2	4	12	15	13	8	1805
Johnston,	167	242	227	254	234	3	2	3	1	14	18	15	18	1031
North-Providence,	138	193	172	230	197	1	3	1	2	10	1	9	11	830
Barrington,	91	142	118	162	120	2	3	5	8	15	10	11	5	601
	9449	14005	12733	15349	12348	284	396	482	320	1286	716	1078	681	59678

hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the rising of this Assembly ; and within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Colony, by them to be transmitted to the Town Clerks in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned unto the Fourth Monday in *August* next, then to meet in *East-Greenwich* :

G O D save the K I N G.

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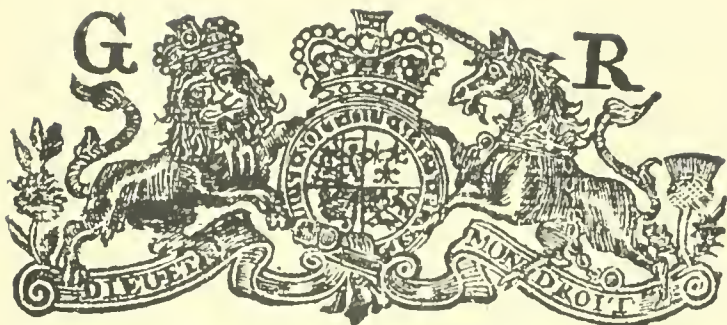
HENRY WARD *Sec'ry.*

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W I T N E S S

*Henry Ward Sec'y*





At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the said Colony, on the Fourth Monday in *August*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and Fourteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Joseph Wanton*, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;  
PELEG BARKER, Esq;  
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;  
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;  
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;  
JOHN CONGDON, Esq;  
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;  
WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker,*

## NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* John Wanton, (*Son of Gideon*)  
 George Hazard, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* John Bours,  
*Mr.* John Read,  
*Mr.* Thomas Freebody.

## PROVIDENCE :

*Mr.* John Jenckes,  
*Mr.* John Smith,  
*Mr.* John Matthewson.

## PORTSMOUTH :

*Mr.* Speaker,  
 John Jepson, *Esq;*  
 Joseph Brownell, *Esq;*  
 John Shearman, *Esq.*

## WARWICK :

*Mr.* Benjamin Greene,  
 William Greene, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Jacob Greene,  
 John Low, *Esq.*

## WESTERLY :

Joshua Babcock, *Esq;*  
 Stephen Saunders, *Esq.*

## NEW SHOREHAM :

*Mr.* John Sands.

## NORTH KINGSTOWN :

Peter Phillips, *Esq;*  
 John Northup, *Esq.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

John Potter, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Carder Hazard.

## EAST GREENWICH :

Preserved Pearce, *Esq;*  
 William Pearce, *Esq.*

## JAMESTOWN :

*Mr.* Daniel Weeden, *jun*

## SMITHFIELD :

*Mr.* Israel Wilkinon,  
 William Winsor, *Esq.*

## SCITUATE :

Ezekiel Cornell, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Rufus Hopkins.

## GLOUCESTER :

Silas Williams, *Esq;*

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower-House.

*Chad Brown, Esq;*

## CHARLESTOWN :

Sylvester Robinson, *Esq*  
*Mr.* Jesse Champlin.

## WEST GREENWICH :

Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq;*  
 Thomas Gorton, *Esq.*

## COVENTRY :

*Mr.* Israel Bowen,  
*Mr.* Caleb Vaughan.

## EXETER :

George Peirce, *Esq;*  
 John Chapman, *Esq.*

## MIDDLETOWN :

None.

## BRISTOL :

Simeon Potter, *Esq;*  
 William Bradford, *Esq.*

## TIVERTON :

*Capt.* John Cooke.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

Thomas Church, *Esq,*  
*Mr.* Daniel Willbur.

## WARREN :

None.

## CUMBERLAND :

John Dexter, *Esq;*  
 Nathaniel Shepperdson, *Esq;*

## RICHMOND :

Robert Stanton, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Caleb Barber.

## CRANSTON :

Thomas Potter, *Esq.*

## HOPKINTON :

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq;*  
*Mr.* Jesse Maxson.

## JOHNSTON :

Edward Fenner, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Jeduthun Belknap.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE

*Capt.* Stephen Jenckes,  
 Thomas Olney, *Esq.*

## BARRINGTON .

Nathaniel Martin, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Thomas Allen.



**B**OTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List to the Offices ascribed to them respectively, *to wit* :

*James Angell*, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Moses Barber*, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

*John Waterman*, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Isaac Dayton*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Chad Brown*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*James Babcock*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

*John Low*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*John Forrester*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Jonathan Vaughan*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

*Joseph Fry*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

<i>Benjamin Dayton</i> , Captain	} Of the First Troop of Horse in the County of <i>Newport</i> .
<i>Nathaniel Sowle</i> , Lieutenant	
<i>Benajah Dunham</i> , Cornet	
<i>Sam'l Tompkins</i> , Quarter-Mast.	

<i>Daniel Manton</i> , Captain	} Of the Troop of Horse in the County of <i>Providence</i> .
<i>Rhodes Wilkinson</i> , 1st Lieut.	
<i>Christopher Olney</i> , 2d Lieut.	
<i>John Mawney</i> , Cornet	

OFFICERS

August, 1774.

OFFICERS chosen to command the several Trained Bands or Companies of Militia in the Colony.

## NEWPORT

First Company :

Benjamin Dunham, *Capt.*  
Robert Dunham, *Lieut.*  
Joseph Pike, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

Elisha Lawton, *Captain,*  
Stephen Hawkins, *Lieut.*  
Jonathan Simmons, *Ensign.*

Third Company :

William Tripp, *Captain,*  
Lemuel Bailly, *Lieutenant,*  
Wing Spooner, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company :

Henry Wyles, *Captain,*  
Thomas Dunton, *Lieut.*  
William Dunham, *Ensign.*

## PROVIDENCE.

First Company :

Comfort Wheaton, *Capt.*  
Nehemiah Sweet, *Lieut.*  
James Arnold, *Ensign,*

Second Company :

Elijah Bacon, *Captain,*  
Nath'l Frothingham, *Lieut.*  
Jonathan Belcher, *Ensign.*

## PORTSMOUTH.

First Company :

George Lawton, *Captain,*  
Burrington Anthony, *Lieut.*  
David Gifford, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

James Allen (the 2d) *Capt.*  
Thomas Allen, *Lieutenant,*  
William Remington, *Enf.*

## WARWICK.

First Company :

Benj. Arnold, *jun. Captain,*  
John Greene, (Son of Ri-  
(chard, *Lieut.*

Job Smith. *Ensign.*

## WESTERLY.

First Company :

Thomas Thompson, *Capt.*  
Joseph Pendleton, *Lieut.*  
Joshua Pendleton, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

William Greene, *Captain,*  
John Gaver, *Lieutenant,*  
Stephen Saunders, *jun. Enf.*

## NEW-SHOREHAM

Company :

John Sands, *Captain,*  
Samuel Rathbone, *jun.*  
(*Lieutenant,*  
William Littlefield, *Ensign.*

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

First Company :

Joshua Davis. *Captain,*  
Job Tibbits, *Lieutenant,*  
James Reynolds, (Son of  
(John) *Ensign.*

Second Company :

John Congdon, (Son of  
(Joseph) *Captain,*  
Benjamin Gardner, *Lieut.*  
Stephen Congdon, *Ensign.*

Third Company :

James Cooper, *Captain,*  
George Hiams, *Lieutenant.*  
William Brown, *Ensign.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.

First Company :

Ray Mumford, *Captain.*  
John Hawkins, *Lieutenant,*  
Joseph Peckham, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

Gardner Wm. Mumford,  
(*Captain,*  
Samuel

Samuel Whaley, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>	Joseph Davis, <i>Ensign.</i>
Joseph Hull, <i>Ensign.</i>	Fourth Company :
EAST-GREENWICH.	John Round, <i>Captain,</i>
First Company :	John Colwell, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>
John Glazier, <i>Captain,</i>	Jeremiah Davis, <i>Ensign.</i>
Job Pearce, <i>Lieutenant,</i>	GLOUCESTER.
Joseph Carder, <i>Ensign.</i>	First Company :
Second Company :	David Burlingham, <i>Capt.</i>
Job Vaughan, <i>Captain,</i>	Nathaniel Blackman, <i>Lieut.</i>
Christopher Nichols, <i>Lieut.</i>	Benajah Whipple, <i>Ensign.</i>
James Wightman <i>jun. Enf.</i>	Second Company .
JAMESTOWN	John Olney, <i>Captain,</i>
Company :	Samuel May, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
Samuel Slocum, <i>jun. Capt.</i>	Ezekiel Phettiplace, <i>Enf.</i>
John Carr, <i>Lieutenant,</i>	Third Company :
Benjamin Carr, <i>jun. Ensign.</i>	Abraham Winsor, <i>Capt.</i>
SMITHFIELD.	David Richmond, <i>Lieut.</i>
First Company :	Stephen Paine, <i>jun. Ensign.</i>
Joseph Jenckes, <i>Captain,</i>	CHARLESTOWN
Sylvanus Bucklin, <i>Lieut.</i>	Company .
Benjamin Ballou, <i>Ensign.</i>	Thomas Sheffield, <i>Capt.</i>
Second Company :	John Park, <i>Lieutenant,</i>
Israel Mowry, <i>Captain,</i>	Jonathan Macomber, <i>Enf.</i>
Elias Sprague, <i>Lieutenant,</i>	WEST-GREENWICH .
Elijah Arnold, <i>Ensign.</i>	First Company :
Third Company :	John Weathers, <i>Captain,</i>
Abr'm Matthewson, <i>Capt.</i>	Abel Greene, <i>Lieutenant,</i>
Nehemiah Smith, <i>Lieut.</i>	Job Straight, <i>Ensign.</i>
Job Mowry, <i>Enf.</i>	Second Company :
SCITUATE	Nathaniel Brown, <i>Captain,</i>
First Company :	Jeremiah Austin, <i>Lieut.</i>
Joseph Knight, <i>Captain,</i>	Benjamin Gorton, <i>Ensign.</i>
Samuel Wilbur, <i>Lieut.</i>	Third Company :
Nathan Relph, <i>Ensign.</i>	Job Angell, <i>Captain,</i>
Second Company :	John Matthewson, <i>Lieut.</i>
Simeon Herrenden, <i>Ensign.</i>	Josiah Matthewson, <i>Enf.</i>
Stephen Sheldon, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>	COVENTRY.
Stephen Herrenden, <i>Enf.</i>	First Company :
Third Company :	Edmund Johnston, <i>Capt.</i>
John Pratt, <i>Captain,</i>	Benamite Greene, <i>Lieut.</i>
Stephen Kimbal, <i>Lieut.</i>	Yelverton Waite, <i>Enf.</i>

Second Company :  
Stukely Hudson, *Captain*,  
William Roy, *Lieutenant*.  
Archibald Kaffon, *Enf.*

## EXETER.

First Company  
Christopher Champlin,  
(*Capt.*)

Jonathan Bates, jun. *Lieut.*  
Nicholas Dawley, *Enf.*

Second Company :  
John Hoxsie, *Capt.*  
George Sweet, jun. *Lieut.*  
John Greene, *Enf.*

## LITTLE-COMPTON

Company :  
David Hilyer, *Captain*,  
Thomas Church, *Lieut.*  
William Richmond, *Enf.*

## RICHMOND

Company :  
Thomas Kinyon (Son of  
David) *Capt.*

Peter Bofs, *Lieutenant*,  
Simeon Clarke, jun. *Enf.*

## CRANFORD

First Company :  
Nicholas Sheldon, jun. *Capt.*  
Ezekiel Searle, *Lieutenant*,  
Daniel Westcot, *Enf.*

Second Company :

JUSTICES of the PEACE for the following Towns,

to wit :

## EXETER :

George Peirce,  
Nicholas Gardner, jun.  
Hopson Wilcox,  
Robert Crandall,  
Joseph Greene, *Esqrs.*

## HOPKINTON :

John Maxson, jun.

Meshech Potter, *Captain*,  
Frederick Williams, *Lieut.*  
Nathaniel Carpenter, *Enf.*

## Third Company .

Edward Knight, *Captain*,  
Thomas Manchester, *Lieut.*  
William Field (Son of Si-  
las) *Enf.*

## HOPKINTON.

## First Company :

Joshua Wells, *Captain*,  
Barker Wells, *Lieutenant*.  
Oliver Babcock, jun. *Enf.*

## Second Company :

John Randall, *Capt.*  
William Witter, *Lieut.*  
George Thurston, jun. *Enf.*

## JOHNSTON

## Company :

Israel Angell, *Captain*,  
Daniel Wightman, *Lieut.*  
Emmor Olney, *Enf.*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE

Job Olney, *Captain*,  
Charles Olney, jun. *Lieut.*  
Eleazer Jenckes, *Enf.*

## BARRINGTON

## Company .

Elkanah Humphry, *Capt.*  
Matthew Allen, *Lieut.*  
Samuel Bosworth, *Ensign.*

Thomas Wells, jun.  
Nathan Burdick,  
Edward Wells,  
Benjamin Randall,  
Francis West, *Esqrs.*

## JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap,  
Noah Matthewson,

Caleb

Caleb Harris,  
Peleg Williams,

| Andrew Harris, Esqrs.

WHEREAS *John Yepson*, Esq; *Mr. Pardon Tillighast*, and *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with their Report thereon; and also an Account, by them charged against the Colony, as follows, *to wit* :

Report upon  
the Naval Of-  
ficer's Ac-  
compt.

Dr. Light-House on Beaver-Tail, to *James Clarke*.

1773.	To Cash paid for 3lb. Cotton	£.0	9	0
June 1.	Wick,			
July 22.	To <i>Aaron Lopez</i> , for 32 Gal- lons of Oil,	4	17	6
Aug. 9.	To Cash paid for a large Hinge,	0	1	10
	To ditto paid <i>James Dawley</i> , for his Time and Trouble in bringing the Bason to <i>Newport</i> , to be mended, and returning the same,	0	9	0
Sept. 23.	To <i>Aaron Lopez</i> , for 43 Gal. Oil,	7	0	8
Oct. 18.	To Cash paid for 3lb. Cotton Wick,	0	9	0
	Ditto paid for 6lb. Candles,	0	4	6
Nov. 16.	To ditto paid for Glafs & Putty,	0	10	4½
	To Cash paid <i>James Dawley</i> , for his Bill against the Light- House, for mending the Glafs,	0	18	0
	Cash paid for a Chizzel,	0	1	0
	To <i>Aaron Lopez's</i> Bill for 55 Gallons Oil,	8	9	5
Dec. 14.	To ditto, for 120 ditto,	18	9	8½
1774.	To <i>Peter Mumford</i> , for 151½	24	5	0
April 20.	ditto,			
27.	To Cash paid for 4lb. Cotton Wick,	0	12	0
May 25.	To ditto paid <i>Jeratbmel Bow- ers</i> , in full for One Year's Sa- lary, ending this Day,	40	0	0

Ditto



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Ditto paid <i>Joseph Belcher</i> , for mending the Bason,	}	0	6	0
Ditto paid <i>John Gardner's</i> Bill for carting,	}	3	0	0
Ditto paid Truckage, Porterage, & Ferriage of 10 Casks Oil,	}	0	12	0
Ditto for new horning & mending the Lanthorn,	}	0	4	6
Ditto paid for mending the Key,		0	1	6
Ditto paid <i>Solomon Southwick</i> , for 2 Folio Blank Books for entering the Vessels charged with Light-Money,	}	4	10	0
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£. 115 11 0				
To my Commissions on £. 162 17	}	8	2	10
the Amount of the Light-Money,	}			
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£. 123 13 10				
To Balance due to the Light-House,		39	3	2
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£. 162 17 0				
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<i>Creditor.</i>				
By the Amount of Light-Money received of Foreigners & Coasters, from May 6, 1773, to May 3, 1774,	}	£. 162	17	0
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WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, by the Honorable the General Assembly, at their Session in *May* last, to audit the Accounts of the Naval Officer with the Colony, do report, That in Conformity to said Appointment we have examined his Books, and compared the same with his several Vouchers, and find a Balance of Thirty-nine Pounds, Three Shillings, and Two Pence, lawful Money, due to the Colony, from *James Clarke*, Esq; agreeable to the foregoing State of his Account.

*John Jepson,*  
*Pardon Tillinghast,*  
*Metcalf Bowler.*

*Newport, Aug. 18, 1774.*

The

August, 1774.

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The Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.  
To our Time and Trouble in }  
adjusting the above Account, } £. 0 18 0  
1 Day each, at 6s.

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted* J. Jepson, P.  
and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is, accept- Tillinghast, &  
ed; that the Account of the Committee be allowed; M. Bowler,  
that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the A- allowed 6s.  
mount thereof, be paid the said *John Jepson, Pardon* each.  
*Tillinghast*, and *Metcalf Bowler*, out of the General  
Treasury: That the Naval-Officer pay the Balance,  
in the said Report mentioned, into the General Treas-  
ury immediately: And that if the same be not paid  
within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly,  
that he shall pay Interest therefor until paid.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Giles Hofer* and *Thomas Robin-* Petition of.  
son preferred a Petition, and represented unto this As- G. Hofer and  
sembly, That they sometime past took a Lease of the T. Robinson,  
Cellar under the Court-House in *Newport*, by which respecting  
they were jointly bound for the Payment of the Rent: the cellar un-  
And that they have since dissolved their Partnership, der the Court-  
and agreed that the said *Thomas Robinson* shall take the house in  
Lease of the said Cellar to his own Account: And *Newport*.  
thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant a new  
Lease thereof to the said *Thomas Robinson*, he giving  
Security on his own Account for the Payment of the  
Rent: And the said Petition being duly considered:  
*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and here-  
by is, granted; and that the General Treasurer give  
a new Lease thereof, to the said *Thomas Robinson*, up-  
on the Payment of the former Arrearages of Rent, if  
any be due.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Report made to Report upon  
this Assembly, at the last Session, by the Committee G. Brown's  
appointed to settle the Accounts of *George Brown*, Esq; Account fur-  
with the Colony, which was referred to this Session, for ther referred.  
Consideration, be further referred to the next Session:  
And that the Executors, or Administrators, of *Thomas*  
C *Richardson*,

*Richardson*, Esq; deceased, late General Treasurer of this Colony, be cited to appear at next Session, to be present at the Consideration of the said Report, as the same respects the Estate of the said *Thomas Richardson*.

Liberty granted the Directors of the Baptist Meeting House Lottery in *Providence*, to draw the same as soon as may be.

WHEREAS this Assembly granted a Lottery for raising a Sum of Money to be applied towards building a Baptist Meeting-House in the Town of *Providence*; and some Time in the Month of *October* next was appointed for drawing the same: And whereas the Directors of the said Lottery have represented unto this Assembly that they have disposed of all the Tickets in the First Class: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, at the Request of the said Directors, that they may draw the said Lottery forthwith, or as soon in this Month, or as early in *September* next, as they can get ready.

*J. Burrill* allowed 12s. 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Burrill* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a large Speaking-Trumpet for *Fort-George*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Burrill*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to settle the Accounts of the Directors of *Barrington Meeting-House Lottery*.

WHEREAS the Committee, heretofore appointed to settle the Accounts of the Directors of *Barrington Meeting-House Lottery*, have not completed the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *John Jenckes*, *John Smith*, and *John Matthewson*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the said Directors; that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be; and that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby.

Committee to examine the Light-House Accounts with the Colony.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *George Hazard*, Esq; Mr. *John Bours*, and *William Ellery*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to examine the Accounts of the Light-House, so far as respects the Monies

Monies paid out the General Treasury for the Repairs of the Light-House, and the Sums raised by the Light Money which have been paid into the General Treasury ; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Ezekiel Angell*, and *John Smith* (Son of *Philip*) be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of Messrs. *Sylvanus Sayles*, and *Amos Keech*, jun. Directors of the *Weniscut-Road* Lottery ; that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be ; and that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the Directors of *Weniscut-Road* Lottery.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Sixty Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed, and paid, out of the General Treasury, to the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and the like sum to the Hon. *Samuel Ward*, Esq; the Delegates appointed by this Colony to meet the Commissioners from the other Colonies in General Congress, to defray their present Exegencies ; and that they account for the same to this Assembly.

£. 120 allowed to the Delegates of this Colony.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, by Col. *Benjamin Wickham*, that the Lottery granted to him by an Act of this Assembly passed in *August*, A. D. 1773, for the Disposal of his real Estate, to enable him to discharge his Debts, hath met with Discouragements, so that there appears but little Prospect, at present, of its being filled and drawn : And whereas the Colony obtained an Execution against the said *Benjamin Wickham*, for upwards of Sixty Pounds, lawful Money, which was returned, unsatisfied, to the last Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at *Newport* : In order to further the Recovery of the said Sum, for the Colony, as well as to encourage the said Lottery, and thereby to relieve the said *Wickham* : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to purchase of the Directors of the said Lottery, on the Account and Risque of the Colony, as many Tickets in the said Lottery as the Debt

General Treasurer to purchase Tickets in *B. Wickham's* Lottery to the Amount of his Debt.

and



and Cost of the said Execution amount to ; on this Condition that the said Execution be not discharged until the said Lottery be drawn.

Time for pay-  
ing in the last  
Tax prolong-  
ed.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Warrants of Distress, issued by the General Treasurer against the several Town-Treasurers, upon which they have not been committed, be immediately returned to the General Treasurer : And that the General Treasurer issue out new Warrants, returnable in One Month after the Rising of this Assembly ; which Time is allowed to the Collectors to collect what remains due, they paying Interest until the same be paid in.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That in Case the Arrears unpaid of the Taxes for which any of the Town-Treasurers have been committed to Gaol, who have come out upon the Thirty per Cent. Act, be paid unto the General Treasurer, with Interest, within One Month after the Rising of this Assembly, that then the Town-Treasurers, so paying the same, shall be discharged from paying the Thirty per Cent.

G. Peirce ad-  
ded to the  
Committee  
for settling T.  
Aldrich's Ac-  
count.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That George Peirce, Esq; be, and he is hereby added to the Committee, heretofore appointed, to settle the Accounts of Thomas Aldrich, Esq; with the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office : And that the said Committee, or the major Part of them, make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Report of the  
Committee  
upon the Ac-  
tion brought  
by J. Jepson  
against the  
Heirs of J.  
Scott.

WHEREAS Messrs. John Bours, John G. Wanton, and Thomas Freebody, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, and Account, to wit :

THE Subscribers having been appointed a Committee, by the Honorable General Assembly, at their Session in June last, to examine into the Circumstances of an Affair, between the Colony and John Jepson; Esq; respecting a Deed of Sale, given to him by Joseph Scott, late of Newport, Esq; deceased, as Sheriff of the County of Newport, and also to inquire into the Circumstances of another Affair, of the same Nature,



Nature, respecting a Deed of Sale made by *Immanuel Northup*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, to *Stephen Hall*, do report, That we have accordingly examined into the said Matter relating to *John Jepson*, Esq; and all the Circumstances attending the same, and find that the above-mentioned *Joseph Scott*, acting as Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, did dispose of a certain House and Lot of Land in said *Newport*, belonging to *John Channing*, an insolvent Debtor, at public Vendue; and as Sheriff did give and execute to the said *John Jepson*, who was the highest Bidder at the said Vendue, a Deed of the said Estate so sold in the Form prescribed by an Act of the General Assembly, passed in the Year 1737, as by Reference thereto will appear: That the said *John Jepson* some time after sold the Estate to *Ignatius Battar*, and gave him a clear Warranty Deed of the same: That since that Time, the above-mentioned *John Channing*, the original Proprietor dying, his Widow *Mary Channing* brought an Action against the said *Ignatius Battar*, and Judgment was afterwards made up against the said *Jepson*, as Warranty to the said *Battar*, for her Thirds, or Right of Dower, of said Estate, rated at Thirty *Spanish* Silver milled Dollars, to be paid yearly by the said *John Jepson* to the said *Mary Channing*: That the said *Jepson* hath, since the said Judgment so obtained against him, paid to the said *Mary Channing* the said yearly Allowance of Thirty Dollars: That after Judgment was recovered of the said *Jepson*, as aforesaid, he commenced an Action to November Court, A. D. 1772, against the Heirs of *Joseph Scott*, the aforesaid Sheriff, to compel them to make good the said Right of Dower, to the said *Mary Channing*, agreeable to the Deed he had given him: And that the said Inferior Court made up Judgment in Favour of said *Jepson*, and the said Heirs of the said *Joseph Scott* appealed to the Superior Court, where the said Cause (having been referred from Term to Term) is still depending.

Newport, August 18, 1774.

*John Bours,*  
*John G. Wanton,*  
*Thomas Freebody.*

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The Estate late belonging to *John Channing*. Dr.

1772, To Cash paid Court Charges,	£. 1	4	3½
To ditto paid <i>Mary Channing</i> , One	} 9	0	0
Years Dower, from <i>October</i> 20, 1771, to <i>October</i> 20, 1772,			
To 1 Year's ditto, from <i>October</i> 20, 1772, to <i>October</i> 20, 1773,	} 9	0	0
To Cash paid Attornies Fees,			
	4	16	0
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	£. 24	0	3½
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Errors excepted, per

*John Jephson.*

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted : That the Sum of Nine Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to *Mary Channing*, of *Newport*, Widow, yearly and every Year during her natural Life, in Lieu of her Right of Dower in the Estate in the said Report described ; the First Payment to be made on the Twentieth Day of *October* next : And that the said Account be allowed ; and Twenty-four Pounds, and Three Pence, One Farthing, lawful Money, be paid the said *John Jephson* out of the General Treasury ; and also the lawful Cost, which hath arisen on the Suit, commenced by the said *John Jephson*, against Mr. *George Scott*, Executor to the last Will and Testament of the said *Joseph Scott*, which is now pending in the Superior Court.

Report of the  
Committee  
upon the Ac-  
counts of the  
Persons who  
took an Ac-  
count of the  
Number of  
Inhabitants in  
the Colony.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Benjamin Greene*, *John Read*, and *Carder Hazard*, who were appointed, a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Persons who took an Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Colony, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit .

WE being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, at *June* Session 1774, to audit the Accounts of the undernamed Persons, do report that we have

have examined the same, and find the following Sums due to them respectively, *to wit* :

NEWPORT,	} William Coddington	15 Days, at 6s.	£. 4	10	0
		Edward Thurston, jun. 13 Days, at 6s.	3	18	0
Providence,	James Angell,	9 Days, at 6s.	2	14	0
Jamestown,	Benjamin Underwood,	4 Days, at 6s.	1	4	0
Smithfield,	Daniel Morry,	12 Days, at 6s.	3	12	0
Middletown,	John Barker,	7 Days, at 6s.	2	2	0
Little-Compton,	Thomas Church,	7 Days, at 6s.	2	2	0
Barrington,	Thomas Allen,	5 Days, at 6s.	1	10	0
Warren,	William Miller,	5 Days, at 6s.	1	10	0
Warwick,	Anthony Low,	10 Days, at 6s.	3	0	0
New-Shoreham,	John Sands,	4 Days, at 6s.	1	4	0
Bristol,	Richard Smith,	6 Days, at 6s.	1	16	0
South-Kingstown,	Nathaniel Hawkins,	13 Days, at 6s.	3	18	0
East-Greenwich,	William Peirce,	6 Days, at 6s.	1	16	0
Coventry,	Abel Bennet,	8 Days, at 6s.	2	8	0
Cumberland,	John Dexter.	8 Days, at 6s.	2	8	3
Cranston.	Thomas Potter,	7 Days, at 6s.	2	2	0
Charlestown,	Jonathan Hafford,	7 Days, at 6s.	2	2	0
Johnston,	Edward Fenner,	6 Days, at 6s.	1	16	0
Gloucester,	Zebedee Hopkins,	10 Days, at 6s.	3	0	0
Exeter,	George Peirce,	8 Days, at 6s.	2	8	0
North-Providence,	Hope Angell,	5 Days, at 6s.	1	10	0
Tiwer-ton,	Walter Cooke,	6 Days, at 6s.	1	16	0
Hopkinton,	Thomas Wells, jun,	10 Days, at 6s.	3	0	0
Richmond,	Robert Stanton,	6 Days, at 6s.	1	16	0
North Kingstown,	Peter Phillips,	12 Days, at 6s,	3	12	0
Westerly,	Joseph Crandall,	8 Days, at 6s.	2	8	0

West-Greenwich,

<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	<i>Job Spencer,</i>	8 Days, at 6s.	2	8	0
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	<i>John Shearman,</i>	8 Days, at 6s.	2	8	0
<i>Scituate,</i>	<i>Rufus Hopkins,</i>	13 Days, at 6s.	3	18	0

*Benjamin Greene,  
John Read,  
Carder Hazard.*

AND the said Report being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted; and that the several Sums, therein placed against the Names of the aforesaid Persons, be paid them respectively, out of the General Treasury.

Report of the Committee upon the outstanding Debts in the County of *Newport*, on Judgments obtained by the Grand-Committee, accepted.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, and *William Ellery*, Esqrs. who were appointed a Committee, by this Assembly, at *May Session* last, to take the Certificate for the County of *Newport*, made out by the Clerk of the said County, of outstanding Judgments, &c. now in the Hands of *Edward Tburston*, Esq; and to procure the best Information, in their Power, respecting the State of the Bonds, Mortgages, and outstanding Judgments, and Executions thereon, within the said County, presented unto this Assembly a Report, with a List and State of outstanding Debts, on Judgments obtained by the Grand Committee, and also the following Account by them charged against the Colony, *to wit* :

The Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.  
To *George Hazard*, and *William Ellery*,  
for their Time and Trouble in  
examining into the Circumstances  
of the Bonds, Mortgages, and out-  
standing Judgments and Executions  
thereon, in the County of *Newport*,  
agreeable to a Vote of the General  
Assembly passed at *May Session*,  
1774, and forming and drawing up  
the foregoing State thereof, 3 Days  
each. at 6s. per Day, £. 1 16 0

And

And the said Report and Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the former be accepted : That the latter be allowed ; and that One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Hazard* and *William Ellery*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Messrs. *George* and *Robert Lawton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for One Ream of Paper delivered the Secretary : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Sixteen Shillings, and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George* and *Robert Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

*G. & R Lawton allowed*  
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AN ACT incorporating a religious Society and Congregation, by the Name of the CONGRGATIONAL Church IN EAST-GREENWICH.

*An incorporating a religious Society, by the Name of the Congregational Church in East-Greenwich.*

THE Governor and Company of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, convened in General Assembly, and sitting, by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, in the Colony afore-said, on the Fourth Monday of *August* in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty *George* the Third, King of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland* :

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS a Number of Persons of the Presbyterian and Congregational Denominations, Inhabitants of *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, and the Towns in the Vicinity thereof, within this Colony,

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Colony, have, for about Four Years past, occasionally assembled together for public Worship after the Congregational Way and Manner : And whereas *William Johnston, Gideon Mumford, James Searle, Augustus Mumford, Andrew Boyd, Thomas Hubbard, John Shaw, Ichabod Smith, Archibald Crary, Joseph Joslyn, Comfort Searle, Robert Taft, and James Murry*, Inhabitants of *East-Greenwich*, aforesaid, have voluntarily united and formed themselves into a religious Society and Congregation, by signing an Instrument, dated the Thirtieth Day of *June* last past, declaratory of their religious Sentiments, as being agreeable to the Principles, Doctrines, and Mode of Worship in the Presbyterian or Congregational Churches, and therein agreeing that the Church hereafter to be gathered, and the Ministry hereafter to be settled in said Congregation, shall be of the Denomination commonly called Congregational or Presbyterian : And whereas the said Society are now building a House for the public Worship of God, in *Greene-Street*, in *East-Greenwich*, aforesaid, and are desirous that the said House, and the Lot of Land on which the same shall be erected, together with all other Estates with which they may hereafter be invested, should be legally held to the Use, and for the upholding that Mode of Worship, and for the other religious and charitable Purposes, for which the same is, or shall be, designed, intended, and appropriated : And thereupon they have petitioned this Assembly to grant to them a Charter of Incorporation, with the Privileges and Powers hereafter mentioned : Now therefore, KNOW YE, that we, the said Governor and Company in General Assembly convened, do for ourselves and our Successors, Enact, Grant, Ordain, Constitute, and Declare, and by the Authority thereof, it is hereby Enacted, Granted, Ordained, and Declared, that the said *William Johnston, Gideon Mumford, James Searle, Augustus Mumford, Andrew Boyd, Thomas Hubbard, John Shaw, Ichabod Smith, Archibald Crary, Joseph Joslyn, Comfort Searle, and Robert Taft*, and all such, their Associates, as shall at any and all Times hereafter usually assemble together with them,

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for public Worship, in *East-Greenwich* aforesaid, together with the Church, which may hereafter be gathered within the said Society and Congregation, shall be a Body Corporate and Politic, with perpetual Succession, to be known, in the Law, by the Name of the Congregational Church in *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, in the Colony of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*. And the same Body Corporate is hereby empowered to hold, and stand seized of, all such Estate as they may be already possessed of ; and also to take, receive, acquire, and hold, Donations, Legacies, and Grants of Estates both real and personal ; and the same to use, occupy, and improve, towards the Support of the Pastors, relief of the Poor, or other religious Uses in said Congregation, according to the Will of the Donors, and to the Purposes for which the same shall have been designed and appropriated : All which Estates said Congregational Church may, and shall take, hold, and stand seized of, and improve, notwithstanding any Misnomer of this Corporation ; and by whatever Name, or however imperfectly the same may be described in Donations, Legacies, Assignments, and Grants, provided the true Intent and Meaning of the Assignor or Benefactor be evident. And the said Congregational Church is hereby empowered to lease the real Estate, and also the same to grant, aliene, or hold in Perpetuity, according to the Tenor of their Property therein ; and to let Monies on Bonds, Mortgages, or other Securities, and shall, and may be, Persons capable in the Law, as a Body Corporate, in all Courts and Places, to sue and be sued, to defend and pursue to final Judgment and Execution thereon, in all Causes whatsoever, by and in the Names of such Persons as are herein declared to be the present Committee of said Body Corporate and Politic, or by, and in, the Names of their Successors in said Office.

*AND it is further Enacted, Ordained and Declared,* That those who for the Time being, and at any, and all Times hereafter, shall usually assemble together

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gether for public Worship in the Meeting-House now about to be erected in *Greene-Street*, in *East-Greenwich*, aforesaid, belonging to the said Congregational or Presbyterian Church, shall be deemed, and they are hereby declared, the true and lawful Successors in this Corporation.

*AND furthermore*, at the Request of the said Society and Congregation, *It is Declared*, That the Ministry, to whose Use this Corporation is, by this Act, empowered to hold Estates, shall be Congregational, or Presbyterian and Pædobaptist, and no other : And that when a Church shall be once gathered in this Congregation, the Pastors, in all Successions, be mutually chosen, or dismissed, by the Brethren of the Church, being Communicants in regular Standing in the same, and by the Congregation, that is, by the Concurrence of the respective Majorities of those present at public Meetings, duly notified for that Purpose ; the Deacons, or any Three Brethren, to notify the Church-Meeting in this Case, and the Committee to notify the Meeting of the Congregation.

*AND it is further Enacted*, That in Case any Grants, or Donations, shall be made to the Pastors, Elders, Deacons, or Brethren, so that a Limitation thereof to the Church, as distinct from the Congregation, shall be evident, then the same shall vest, and remain in, and be at the Management and Disposal of, the Church and its Successors, in their distinct and separate Capacity : And that the Church may lease its Estates, improve its Monies at Interest by Bond or otherwise, and sue for, and recover the same at Law. And all their Transactions respecting the same shall be of full Force, and legal Validity, without being joined by the Congregation.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That the secular Meetings of this Society shall be called and notified, as usual, by the Committee thereof. And the said Congregation are empowered, at any such Meeting, to chuse

a Moderator, elect Committee-men, such, and so many, as they shall from Time to Time think proper ; and appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Officers as they shall judge necessary, and the same at any Time to remove, and others to chuse and appoint in their Stead : And to make such Laws, Rules and Orders, for the necessary Repairs of the Meeting-House, and such other By-laws, and Regulations, about the secular Affairs of the said Congregation, as they shall see fit, not contrary to the Laws of this Government :---*And it is hereby Declared, That William Johnson, Gideon Mumford, James Searle, Augustus Mumford, John Shaw, Archibald Crary, and Andrew Boyd,* be, and remain the present Committee, so long as said Congregation shall continue them, and until they are removed, and others chosen in their places.

*AND be it further Enacted,* That whatever Estate is, or shall be, held by said Congregational Church, either by Purchase or Donation, the same shall never be alienated from the Uses and Purposes thereof, nor applied towards the Support of any other Ministry, or Mode of Worship, than what hath already been described in this Act. And in Case at any Time hereafter any Persons of said Congregation shall alter, and change, their Principles respecting Presbyterian Ordination, the Mode of Worship, and other religious Usages practised or acknowledged in the same ; the Individuals, so changing, shall cease to have Part in the Management or Appropriation of the Incomes and Profits of the Estate ; but the same shall be, and remain, to those, and those only, who shall remain and abide by the original Principles of this Church, who are hereby declared to be the true, and only, Successors of this Corporation. And they, and such their Successors, shall continue to hold, improve, and enjoy, the Estate to the Uses prescribed, and particularly what shall be appropriated to the Ministry shall be held to the Use of such Congregational, or Presbyterian, Ministry in said Congregational Church, as is herein before defined, and for no other forever.



IN full Testimony of which Grant, the said Governor and Company do hereby Order, that this Act of Incorporation, or an Exemplification thereof, be authenticated by the Signature of the Governor, and Secretary, and the Public Seal of this Colony : And the same being delivered to the said Congregational Church, shall be a sufficient Warrant to them, to hold, use, exercise, and enjoy all the Privileges and Powers herein contained.



Committee to deliver to the Order of the Deputy-Governor the Proportion of the County of Providence of the Colony's Arms.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Thomas Freebody*, and *John Smith*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to divide, and set off to the County of *Providence*, their Proportion of the Colony's Arms, now in the Town of *Newport*, according to their Proportion of the last Colony Tax : That they deliver them to such Person as shall be appointed, by his Honor the Deputy-Governor, to receive them, he giving a Receipt therefor. And that the said Arms, so delivered, be always kept clean, and in good Order, at the Charge of the Town of *Providence*, be lodged in the Colony-House in *Providence*, and be returned when demanded by this Assembly.

Lottery granted to *W. Holden*.

WHEREAS *William Holden*, of *Warwick*, in the County of *Kent*, presented a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he some Years ago exerted himself to the utmost of his Abilities, and, with great Labour and Expence, erected a Dam across *Pawtuxet* River, and thereon erected a Grist-Mill, which supplied many of the neighbouring Towns, especially when many other Mills failed for want of Water : That the last Winter the upper Part of said Dam was carried away by a great Flood : That he hath been so reduced, by the Sickness of himself and Family, that he is unable to repair the said Dam : And that if it be not repaired, it will not only be a heavy Loss to him, but prove very detrimental to many of the Inhabitants of the Colony : And thereupon the said *William Holden* prayed



prayed this Assembly to grant him a Lottery to raise about Fifty Pounds, lawful Money, to enable him to repair and secure the said Dam :

On Consideration whereof,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted, under the usual Conditions and Restrictions ; provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby : And that Capt. *William Potter*, and Mr. *John Wickes* (Son of *Robert*) both of *Warwick*, and Mr. *Anthony Holden*, of *East-Greenwich*, be, and they are hereby appointed Directors of the said Lottery.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Greene* (Son of *David*) of *Warwick*, who was appointed One of the Directors of the Lottery granted, by this Assembly at the last Session, to Mr. *Benjamin Greene*, of *Coventry*, hath refused to serve ; and as the Tickets are now disposing of, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the other Two Directors be, and they are hereby empowered to finish and complete the said Lottery ; they qualifying themselves according to Law.

Two Directors empowered to draw *B. Greene's* Lottery.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire, and Expences, in going Express to the several Counties of *Providence*, *King's-County*, *Bristol*, and *Kent*, to carry the ruled Lists for taking the Number of Inhabitants in the Colony : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Jeffers* allowed £. 1 16 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committees appointed by this Assembly, who have not made Report, be, and they are hereby, continued for the Purposes for which they were respectively appointed ; and that they

Committees continued.

they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Allowance to  
the Persons  
who took up  
*D. Willson* in  
Pursuance of  
the Deputy-  
Governor's  
Proclama-  
tion.

WHEREAS a Proclamation was issued, by his Honor the Deputy-Governor, promising a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, to any Person or Persons who should apprehend *Daniel Willson*, a Criminal, under Sentence of Death, who broke out of the Gaol in *Providence*; in Pursuance of which he was taken up by Eighteen Persons, of whom Four belonged to this Colony, and the other Fourteen to the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, whose Names are as follows, to wit: *George Bruce, Otis Whipple, George Whipple, Jonathan Whipple, Philip Amadown, Levy Willard, William Drown, Andrew Peters, Calvin Smith, Increase Thayer, David Daniels, jun. Ichabod Hayward, Artemas White, and Jacob Aldrich*, who have applied for their Part of the said Reward: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That One Eighteenth Part of the said Reward be paid to each of the abovenamed Persons, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Southwick*  
allowed £.10  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of this Assembly at *May* Session last, his Honor the Governor's Proclamation, ordering a Fast, Treasurer's Warrants, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Ten Pounds, Three Shillings, and Seven Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.

Report upon  
*O. R. Warner's*  
Account,  
who is allow-  
ed £. 67 12  
3½.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Greene*, Mr. *John Jenckes*, *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; and *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Mr. *Oliver Ring Warner*, for the Repairs of *Fort-George*, in the Year 1773, presented unto this Assembly the following State of his Accounts, and their Report thereon, as follows, to wit:

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Dr. *Oliver Ring Warner*, his Account Current,  
with the Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

1773, Aug. 23.	{ To Cash you received of the General Treasurer, for the Colony, per Certificate,	{ £. 300 0 0
	To Cash due to Balance,	67 12 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
		<hr/> £. 367 12 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ <hr/>

	Creditor,	
1773. Aug. 2.	{ By sundries the Amount of your Account,	{ £. 358 12 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	By your Commissions on the above Sum, at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent,	{ 8 19 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
		<hr/> £. 367 12 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ <hr/>

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Hon. General Assembly, a Committee to settle the Accounts of Mr. *Oliver Ring Warner*, with the Colony, do report, that we have carefully examined the same, and find a Balance due from the Colony to the said *Oliver Ring Warner*, upon the foregoing Account, of Sixty-seven Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Three Pence, One Farthing, lawful Money. Which is humbly submitted by

*Benjamin Greene,*  
*John Jenckes,*  
*East-Greenwich, Aug. 26, 1774. Metcalf Bowler,*  
*Joshua Babcock.*

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that the Sum of Sixty-seven Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Three Pence, One Farthing, lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *Oliver Ring Warner*, out of the General Treasury.

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WHEREAS

August, 1774.

Report upon a Second Account of O. R. Warner, who is allowed the further Sum of £.23 14 9.

WHEREAS the Committee, in the next preceding Vote mentioned also, presented a State of the said *Oliver Ring Warner's* Accounts, for the Repairs of *Fort-George*, in the Year 1774, and their Report thereon, as follows, to wit :

Dr. The Colony of *Rhode-Island*, in Account Current with *Oliver Ring Warner*.

1774, June.	To Sundries, the Amount of my Account,	£. 127	2	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
	To my Commissions on £. 124 5 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ , at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.		3	2 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
		<hr/> £. 130 4 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ <hr/>		

Creditor.

1774, June 10.	By Cash received of the General Treasurer,	£. 100	0	0
	By ditto received for Sundries sold at Vendue,		3	12 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	By an Error in Bill No. 13,		2	17 0
Aug. 26.	By Balance due,		23	14 9
		<hr/> £. 130 4 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ <hr/>		

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Hon. General Assembly, to settle the Accounts of Mr. *Oliver Ring Warner*, with the Colony, do report, that we have examined the foregoing Account, and find a Balance due to him thereon, of Twenty-three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money. Which is humbly submitted by

East-Greenwich, Aug. 26, 1774.

*Benjamin Greene,*  
*John Jenckes,*  
*Metcalf Bowler,*  
*Joshua Babcock.*

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, that the same be, and hereby is accepted ; and

and that the Sum of Twenty-three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *Oliver Ring Warner*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Greene*, Mr. *John Matthewson*, and *George Peirce*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report upon  
*T. Aldrich's*  
Account,  
who is allow-  
ed £. 24 0  
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WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, by the Hon. General Assembly, to inquire into the State of the Accounts of *Thomas Aldrich*, Esq; with the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, do report, That, upon Examination of the said *Aldrich's* Account or Memorandum produced to us, which we herewith present, we find he hath charged Commissions on £. 78,090 8 1, at 5 per Cent. amounting to £. 3,904 10 4, which we think too great a Sum for his Services done the Colony, especially when we consider the Advantages he hath had otherwise, by Numbers of Bills of Cost in defaulted Causes, upon Actions brought by him on Bonds, &c. Therefore we think the Sum of Twenty-four Pounds, lawful Money, will be adequate and full Satisfaction to the said *Thomas Aldrich*, from the Colony, for all his Services as Deputy to the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, or when appointed by the Colony in special Causes relating to said Office. Which is humbly submitted by

*Benjamin Greene,*  
*East-Greenwich, Aug. 26, 1774.* *John Matthewson,*  
*George Peirce.*

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that the Sum of Twenty-four Pounds, lawful Money, therein mentioned, be discounted by the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, out of the Money due from the said *Thomas Aldrich* to the Colony.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Benjamin Man* he, and he is hereby, directed to deliver all the Glafs in

Sheriff of  
*Providence* to  
take the Co-  
lony's Glafs  
into his Care.



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in his Possession, belonging to the Colony, to the Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, for the Use of this Colony.

*T. Spencer* allowed £. 1 8 WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer* (Son of *Abner*) exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for cleaning the Court-House in *East-Greenwich*, after the Masons, and Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*. That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Eight Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General Treasury.

Officers chosen. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Persons be, and they are hereby, chosen and appointed to the Offices ascribed to their respective Names, *to wit* :

<i>Simeon Potter</i> , Esq; Colonel,	} Of the Regiment of Militia in the County of <i>Bristol</i> .
<i>Nath'l Martin</i> , Esq, Lieut. Col	
<i>Thomas Gray</i> , Esq; Major,	
<i>Jeremiah Ingraham</i> , Captain,	} Of the Trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of <i>Bristol</i> .
<i>Stephen Smith</i> , Lieutenant,	
<i>Hezekiah Munro</i> , Ensign,	

The Members of the Lower House to lay before their Constituents the Vote of this Assembly at a former Session, respecting the granting a Sum of Money to the Town of Boston.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Members of the Lower House, before the next Session, lay before their Constituents the Vote of this Assembly at a former Session, and the Proceedings of the Lower House at the present Session, respecting the granting a Sum of Money to our suffering, poor, Brethren in the Town of *Boston* : That they collect the Sentiments of their Constituents, respecting the Subject Matter thereof, and obtain Instructions for the Members, who may be elected for the next Session, and their Approbation, if it may be, of a Grant to be made, out of the General Treasury, of a Sum of Money, for that Purpose, and also for the recommending a general Subscription, throughout the Colony, to give an Opportunity for a further Exertion of the generous and benevolent Mind.

*IT*

August, 1774.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Buſineſs lying before this Aſſembly, unfinished, be, and the ſame is hereby, referred to the next Seſſion : That the Secretary publiſh the Acts and Orders, now made and paſſed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Riſing of this Aſſembly ; and within Thirty, ſend Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, by them to be tranſmitted to the Town-Clerks in their reſpective Counties : And that this Aſſembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the *Tueſday* before the laſt *Wednesday* in *October* next, if then called ; and if called to meet at *Newport* ; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Aſſembly be, and hereby is, diſſolved.

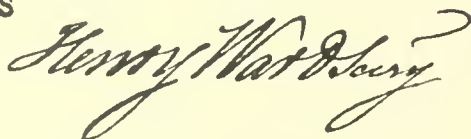
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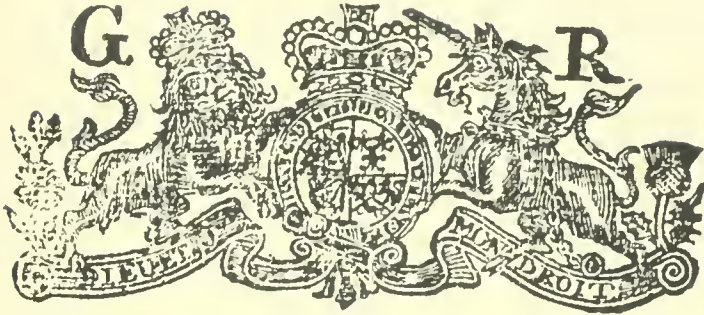












At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden, at *Providence*, within and for the said Colony, on the last Wednesday in *October*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and Fifteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Joseph Wanton*, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;  
PELEG BARKER, Esq;  
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;  
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;  
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;  
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
JOHN CONGDON, Esq;  
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;  
WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

Assistants.

Mr. HENRY SHERBURNE, Deputy-Secretary.

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

## NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Wanton, (*Son of Gideon*)  
 George Hazard, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* John Bours,  
*Mr.* John Read,  
*Mr.* Thomas Freebody.

## PROVIDENCE :

*Mr.* John Jenckes,  
*Mr.* John Smith,  
*Col.* John Matthewson.

## PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*;  
 John Jepson, *Esq*.

## WARWICK :

*Mr.* Benjamin Greene,  
 William Greene, *Esq*;  
 Stephen Arnold, *Esq*;  
 John Low, *Esq*.

## WESTERLY :

Joshua Babcock, *Esq*;  
 Stephen Saunders, *Esq*.

## NEW SHOREHAM :

## N O N E.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Peter Phillips, *Esq*;  
 John Northup, *Esq*.

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

John Potter, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Carder Hazard.

## EAST-GREENWICH :

Preserved Pearce, *Esq*;  
 William Peirce, *Esq*.

## JAMESTOWN :

*Mr.* Edward Hull.

## SMITHFIELD :

*Mr.* Israel Wilkinfon,  
 William Winsor, *Esq*.

## SCITUATE :

Ezekiel Cornell, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Rufus Hopkins.

## GLOUCESTER :

Silas Williams, *Esq*;  
 Chad Brown, *Esq*.

## CHARLESTOWN :

## N O N E.

## WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Gorton, *Esq* .

## COVENTRY :

John Rice, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Nathaniel Greene, *jun*.

## EXETER :

George Pierce, *Esq*;  
 Jeffery Wilcox, *Esq*.

## MIDDLETOWN :

*Mr.* James Potter,  
*Mr.* Isaac Smith.

## BRISTOL :

Simeon Potter, *Esq*;  
 William Bradford, *Esq*.

## TIVERTON :

Edward Gray, *Esq*.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

Thomas Church, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* George Wood.

## WARREN :

Nathan Miller, *Esq*.

## CUMBERLAND :

John Dexter, *Esq*;  
 Nathaniel Shepperdson, *Esq*.

## RICHMOND :

George Webb, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Richard Bailey.

## CRANSTON :

*Mr.* Joseph Rhodes,  
*Mr.* Peter Burlingame.

## HOPKINTON :

*Capt.* Abel Tanner,  
*Mr.* Jesse Maxson.

## JOHNSTON :

*Mr.* Joshua Greene.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

*Mr.* Joseph Olney,  
 Thomas Olney, *Esq*.

## BARRINGTON :

Nathaniel Martin, *Esq*;  
*Mr.* Thomas Allen.

*The Hon.* METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*; was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS  
 LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk, of the Lower-House.

**W**HEREAS Messrs. *George and Robert Lawton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for One Ream of Paper delivered to the Secretary : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Sixteen Shillings, and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *George and Robert Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

*G. & R. Lawton allowed £. 0 16 6.*

WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Support, and Prison Fees, of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twenty-two Pounds, Six Shillings, and Eleven Pence Half-penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

*G. Lawton allowed £. 22 6 11½.*

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Nightingale, John Matthewson, James Angell, Henry Marchant, and James Mitchel Varnum*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the several Petitions presented, to this Assembly, for establishing an Independant Company in the Town of *Newport*, an Independant Company in the Towns of *East-Greenwich, Warwick, and Coventry*, and a Grenadier Company in the Town of *Providence* ; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Committee to consider several Petitions for establishing Independant Companies.

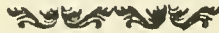
AN ACT in Amendment of an Act, entitled " An Act for the Maintenance " and Support of insolvent Debtors, " and poor Prisoners at the King's " Suit in Gaol."

Act, in Amendment of the Act for the Support of insolvent Debtors.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the future

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future weekly Allowance be made to such Prisoners for Debt, and to such only, as are confined in close Gaol : And that this Act shall take Place as to Persons already confined, as well as to those who may hereafter be committed : Any Law to the contrary hereof, in any Wise, notwithstanding.



Certain  
Rooms, in  
the Gaol of  
*Newport*, ap-  
pointed for  
the Gaol-  
keeper and  
his Family.

WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; *Mr. Jacob Greene*, *Preserved Pearce*, Esq; and *Thomas Church*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable General Assembly, at the Session held on the Second Monday in *June* last, a Committee to inspect the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, and consider what Parts will be necessary for the Keeper of the said Gaol to occupy for the Use of his own private Family, having thoroughly viewed the same, do report as follows, That the said Keeper have the Three lower Rooms as usual, also Two Rooms upon the middle Floor, namely, the great Chamber, and the Southeast Chamber, and the Southeast Room upon the Third Floor, and no others, as we are of Opinion the said Rooms are fully sufficient for his Family. All which is submitted to your Honors, by

*William Greene,*  
*Jacob Greene,*  
*Preserved Pearce,*  
*Thomas Church.*

And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted : And that all the Rooms, excepting such as are hereby set off for the Gaoler and his Family, be improved for the Use of the Prisoners at large, and be under the sole Direction of the Sheriff, he receiving no Rent therefor.

*B. Brown* al-  
lowed £. 1  
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WHEREAS *Mr. Beriab Brown*, jun. Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited



bited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of *William Eldred*, a poor Prisoner, committed at the King's Suit, and for Doctor *William Chace's* Bill, for Medicines and Attendance upon the said *Eldred*, when sick in Gaol : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Fifteen Shillings and Eight Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown, jun.* out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That a Tax be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, of Four Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, to be paid into the General Treasury by next *May* : That Two Thousand Pounds thereof, be appropriated to the discharging the lawful Money Notes, given for sinking the old Tenor Debts of this Colony : And that the Remainder be lodged in the General Treasury to defray the incident Charges of Government.

Vote for assessing a Tax of £. 4000.

WHEREAS *William Greene, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Three Thousand of Nails, by him supplied for the Court-House in the County of *Kent*, which was omitted in his former Account : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twenty Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Greene*, out of the General Treasury.

*W Greene* allowed £. 10 0.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Joseph Nash* and *Christopher Whipple*, Owners of the Sloop *Two-Pollies*, and her Cargo, in Behalf of themselves, and the Insurers on said Sloop and Cargo, preferred a Memorial and Petition unto this Assembly, setting forth, That at *Providence*, in this Colony, on or about the First Day of *October*, A. D. 1773, they shipped on Board the said Sloop (*Ephraim Carpenter* being Master) a Cargo of

Committee appointed to consider the Petition of *J. Nash* and *C. Whipple*,

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Goods



Goods, for the River *Mississipi*, with Intent to dispose of the same to the Settlers on that River : That they, the said *Joseph Nash* and *Christopher Whipple*, sailed from *Rhode-Island*, in the Sloop *Hope*, in *November* following, for the said River, where they safely arrived in *December*, and found the said Sloop *Two-Pollies* : That about Two Leagues below the Town of *New-Orleans*, they left the said Sloop *Hope*, and went on Board the Sloop *Two-Pollies*, and took with them, from the said Sloop *Hope*, Goods to a very considerable Amount, with Intent to proceed up the River, in Order to dispose of the same : That while the said Sloop *Two-Pollies* was lying at Anchor, about Two Miles above the Town of *New-Orleans*, early on Sunday Morning, being the Twentieth Day of *February*, A. D. 1774, the said Sloop *Two-Pollies* was boarded by a Party of *Spanish* Soldiers, with their Swords drawn, and Bayonets fixed, who, declaring they had Orders from the *Spanish* Governor, took Possession of the said Sloop by Force, and carried her to the said Town of *New-Orleans*, where, as soon as she arrived, they stripped off her Rigging and Sails, opened her Cabin Door, and went immediately to unlading her Cargo ; Part of which was carried into the King's Store, and Part was stolen and carried off by the Soldiers : That on the Evening of the same Day the said *Joseph Nash* (who was on Board the said Sloop when she was so taken) with the said *Ephraim Carpenter*, and *Benjamin Pitcher*, the Mate of the said Sloop, were sent to Prison, where they remained a considerable Time : That upon Application made by the said *Joseph Nash* to the Governor and Judge, setting forth the most flagrant and open Breach of the Treaty of *Paris*, committed in taking the said Sloop and Cargo (of which the Governor and his Auditor were convinced) every Thing was ordered to be restored to the said *Joseph Nash* : And that although, by Virtue of the said Decree, they received Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars, yet they are still great sufferers, to the Amount of upwards of Five Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars, as will appear by a Copy of an Account

count annexed to a Remonstrance made to the said Governor of *New-Orleans*, after the said Decree, wherein they represented that, in Justice, every Thing ought to be restored, with Damages, and prayed that the same might be done ; with which Request the said Governor refused to comply : And thereupon the said *Joseph Nash* and *Christopher Whipple* prayed this Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration, and in Order that they may receive that Satisfaction which the Justice of their Cause requires, represent their Case to the Earl of *Dartmouth*, and request him to lay the same before His Majesty, that their Injuries may be redressed by the Court of *Spain* :

On Consideration whereof,

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nicholas Tillinghast*, *John Foster*, *Paul Tew*, and *Benoni Pearce*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to take the said Memorial and Petition into Consideration ; and that they make Report to this Assembly of the Damages the said *Joseph Nash* and *Christopher Whipple* shall appear to have sustained, by Means of the Premises, as soon as may be.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Hoppen*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Eight Pounds, Six Shillings, and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Hoppen*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Hoppen* allowed £. 8 6 6.



An ACT establishing an Independent Company, in the County of *Newport*, by the Name of the *Newport* LIGHT-INFANTRY.

Act establishing a Company of Light-Infantry, in the County of *Newport*.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, in Time of War, depends, under God, upon the Military

Military Skill, and Discipline, of the Inhabitants : And whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport*, to wit : *Jabez Champlin, Caleb Gardner, Elisba Lawton, Benjamin L. Peckham, Samuel Spooner, Samuel C. Carr, Joseph Hill, George Gardner, Jonathan Wallen, Noel Allen, Jonathan Simmons, Lemuel Bailey, William Tew, Moses Watson, James Cullio, Philip Moss, Henry Dayton, Wing Spooner, Nathaniel Otis, Samuel Stevens, Thomas Stevens, Joseph Whitcher, Thomas Hughes, John Topham, Hezekiah Dayton, Robert Dunbar, Stephen Hawkins, Nathaniel Gladding, James Bell, Samuel James, Jonathan Yeates, John Stevens, jun. Jeremiab Phillips, William Donham, Nathaniel Jenkins, Joseph Lyon, William Tripp, Thomas Duntton, Jonathan Pierce, and R. Rennold's Barker*, have offered themselves to begin, and, with such others as are, or shall be, added to them, to form themselves into a Company, by the Name of the *Newport Light-Infantry*, in the County of *Newport*, and by their humble Petition, prayed this Assembly, to grant them a Charter, with such Priviledges, and under such Restrictions and Limitations, as this Assembly might think proper :

WHEREFORE, this Assembly, in Order to give all due Encouragement to so laudable a design, have Ordained, Constituted, and Granted, and by these Presents do Ordain, Constitute, and Grant, That they, the Petitioners before-named, together with such others as shall be hereafter added to them (not exceeding the Number of One Hundred, exclusive of Officers) be, and they are hereby, declared to be an Independent Company, by the Name of the *Newport Light-Infantry*, for the County of *Newport* : And by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have and enjoy all the Rights, Powers, and Privileges, in this Grant hereafter mentioned.

IMPRIMIS, It is granted unto the said Company that they, or the greater Number of them, shall, and may, once in every Year, that is to say, on the last  
Tuesday

Tuesday in *April*, meet and assemble themselves together, in some convenient Place by them appointed, then and there to chuse their Officers, *to wit* : One Captain, Two Lieutenants, One Ensign, and all other Officers necessary for training. disciplining and well ordering of the said Company---At which Election no Officer shall be chosen, but by the greater Number of Votes then present : The Captain, Lieutenants, and Ensign, to be approved of by the Governor and Council, for the Time being, and shall be commissioned, and engaged, in the same Manner that other Military Officers, in this Colony, are.

SECONDLY, That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet and exercise themselves upon such other Days, and as often, as they shall think necessary, and not be subject to the Orders or Directions of the Colonel, or other Field-Officers of the Regiment, in whose District they live, in said Meeting and Exercising : And that they be obliged to meet for Exercising, at least, Four Times in the Year, upon the Penalty of paying, to and for the Use of the said Company, the following Fines, *to wit* : The Captain, for each Day's Neglect, Forty Shillings, lawful Money, the Lieutenants and Ensign, each Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, the Clerk, the Sergeants and Corporals, each Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, and the common Soldiers each Six Shillings, lawful Money, to be levied by Warrant of Distress from the Captain or Superior Officer of said Company, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

THIRDLY, That the said Company, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make such Rules and Orders, among themselves, as they shall think necessary to promote the End of the Establishment ; and to lay such Fines and Forfeitures upon any of their own Company, for the Breach of any such Rules and Orders, as they shall think proper, so as the same exceed not Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, for any Offence. And also shall have full Power to levy the



the said Fines and Forfeitures, they shall so impose, by a Warrant of Distress from the Captain or superior Officer of the said Company, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

FOURTHLY, That all those who shall be duly inlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing military Duty, Watching and Warding excepted, in the several Companies or Trained Bands, in whose District they respectively live; excepting such as shall at any Time be Officers in any of the said Companies.

FIFTHLY, That the commissioned Officers of the said Company, from Time to Time, shall be of the Court-Martial, and Council of War, in the Regiment in whose District they live.

SIXTHLY, If any Officer, or Officers, of the said Company shall be disapproved, by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said Town of *Newport*, or shall be taken away by Death, that then, in either of those Cases, the Captain of the said Company, or the superior Officer, for the Time being, shall call the said Company together, as soon as conveniently may be, and choose another, or others, in the Room of such Officer, or Officers, so disapproved, removed, or taken away by Death, in the same Manner as is herein before-described.

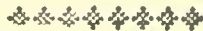
SEVENTHLY, And for the further Encouragement of the said Company, it is further Granted to the said Company, that the Captain of the said Company shall be of the Rank of a Colonel, the First Lieutenant of the Rank of a Lieutenant-Colonel, the Second Lieutenant of the Rank of a Major, and the Ensign of the Rank of a Captain.

EIGHTHLY, That the said Company, in the Time of an Alarm or general Review, shall be under the  
immediate



immediate Direction of the Captain-General of the Colony ; and shall hold Rank, and Station, of the First Independent Company, in the County of *Newport* : And that the Officers be commissioned accordingly.

WHICH foregoing Charter was Voted to be accepted, and to pass as an Act of this Assembly : And it is Ordered, That the Secretary draw a fair Copy of the said Charter, sign the same, affix the Colony Seal thereto, record it in the public Records, and present the said fair Draught, signed and sealed as aforesaid, to the said Company.



An ACT establishing a Company, in the Town of *Providence*, to be called, and known by, the Name of the *Providence Grenadier Company*.

Act establishing a Grenadier Company in *Providence*.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonatban Arnold*, and *Zephaniah Andrews*, in behalf of themselves, and a Number of other Freemen, and Inhabitants, of the Town of *Providence*, have petitioned this Assembly, setting forth, that they have associated themselves into a Company, and made a very considerable Proficiency in Regular Military Discipline, with Design to form a Company, to be called, and known, by the Name of the *Providence Grenadier Company*, and praying this Assembly to patronize their Design, by granting them such Powers, Privileges, and Immunities, as may encourage them to form said Company, and render it really useful, and honorable, to the Colony :

THIS Assembly, taking the Subject Matter of the said Petition into Consideration, do Enact, Grant, Order, and Ordain, and *It is hereby Enacted, Granted, Ordered, and Ordained*, That the said Company now inlisted, and which

which shall hereafter enlist, under the Command of the said *Jonathan Arnold*, and *Zephaniah Andrews*, and their Successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated into a distinct and separate Military Company, to be called, and known, by the Name, and Character, of *The Providence Grenadier Company* : Which said Company shall be led, and commanded, by One Captain, Two Lieutenants, and One Ensign, together with such subaltern Officers as the said Company shall appoint, in Manner hereafter expressed ; which said Officers shall, in their said Company, and in all Courts-Martial, and Councils of War, have, hold, and enjoy, the following Ranks respectively, *to wit* : Their Captain shall rank as a Colonel, their First Lieutenant as a Lieutenant-Colonel, their Second Lieutenant as a Major, and their Ensign as a Captain.

*AND be it further Enacted, by this General Assembly,* That the said Company shall consist of any Number of proper Men, not less than Twenty-four, nor exceeding One Hundred, Rank and File, who shall be furnished with suitable Arms, and Accoutrements, and Uniform, for a *Grenadier Company*, at all Times, and publicly appear therein Four Times, at the least, in every Year, under the Conduct and Command of their own proper Officers.

*AND it is hereby further Enacted, and Granted,* unto the said *Grenadier Company*, That they have Power, and by the Authority of this General Assembly they are hereby empowered, on the First Monday in *May*, annually, to meet and appoint their proper Officers, and the Names of those so appointed, and to be commissioned, being transmitted by their Clerk, together with their Ranks, to the Governor of this Colony, for the Time being, he shall order, and direct Commissions to be issued to them, under his Sign-manual, and the Seal of the Colony, in Manner as they are issued to the Officers of the Company of Cadets, in the County of *Providence*.

AND

AND the said *Grenadier* Company are hereby further empowered to appoint their own Uniform, and alter, and change, the same, from Time to Time, as they shall think necessary : And also to appoint their Days for Meeting, and when met, to make all such Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations ; and for the Breaches thereof, to impose such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as to them shall seem meet ; and by their proper Officers to demand, recover, and receive, to and for the Use of said Company, all such Fines and Forfeitures :---Provided always, that no Fine or Forfeiture, for any single Offence, shall exceed the Sum of Twelve Shillings, lawful Money : And their Officers shall do and pursue the Recovery thereof in Manner as is prescribed by the Law of this Colony, for regulating the Militia Companies therein.

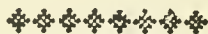
*AND, by the Authority of this General Assembly, it is further Enacted, Granted, and Ordained, That the Officers of the said Grenadier Company, at all Times, have Power to call together the said Company to exercise and perfect themselves in military Discipline, in such Manner as they may judge most expedient : And they are hereby further empowered to enlist into their Company a sufficient Number to complete their afore-stated full Compliment of One Hundred Men, Rank and File, within the Boundaries and Limits of the Providence Regiment, who, when so enlisted; shall be free from all military Duty whatsoever, save with, and in, their own Company, so long as they belong thereto.*

*AND be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is hereby further Enacted, Granted, Ordered, and Ordained, unto the said Grenadier Company, that they shall, and may, at all Times hereafter, have, hold, exercise, and enjoy, all the Rights, Privileges, and Immunities, as are held, and enjoyed, by the Company of Cadets, in the County of Providence, by Virtue of their Charter, and Act of Incorporation, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, whatsoever ; saving, and excepting only, that on all general*  
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Field-Days, when the whole *Providence* Regiment shall be embodied, the Officers and Soldiers of the *Grenadier* Company may, upon Notice from the Colonel of said Regiment, appear with their proper Arms, and in their Uniform, and on their proper Ground, be embodied with the said Regiment, and for the Day, when they do so appear with them, they shall be under the Command of the Field-Officers of the said Regiment, holding, and enjoying, at all Times, and upon all Occasions, such Rank, and Precedence, as is proper to them as a *Grenadier* Company, and (saving in the Case abovesaid) to be under the sole Direction and Command of their own Officers, in the same Manner and Subordination, as the abovesaid Company of *Cadets* are, by Virtue of their Charter, and Act of Incorporation, abovesaid.

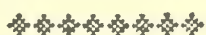
AND whereas the said *Jonathan Arnold* is now, by the unanimous Consent of the said Company, their Captain, and the said *Zephaniab Andrews* their First Lieutenant, *It is hereby Voted, and Ordered*, That the Secretary make out their Commissions in due Form, to be signed by the Governor, and transmit the same to them as soon as may be, after the Rising of this Assembly, together with a Copy of the foregoing Act of Incorporation, authenticated with the Seal of the Colony, and the Governor's Sign-manual, in Order that the said Company may proceed to the Choice of their other Officers, and be empowered to furnish and equip themselves, as soon as may be.



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Richard Jackson*, *Ebenezer Thompson*, and *Samuel Nightingale*, jun. or any Two of them, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the Market-House Lottery, in *Providence*; and that they make Report to the Town of *Providence*, as soon as may be.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Richard Smith*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Repairs made on the Court-House and Gaol in the County of *Bristol* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, One Shilling, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General Treasury.



AN ACT establishing an Independent  
Company, by the Name of the *Kentish*  
Guards.

An establishing an Independent Company in the Towns of *East-Greenwich, Warwick, & Coventry*, by the Name of the *Kentish* Guards.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, in Time of War, depends, under God, upon the military Skill and Discipline of its Inhabitants : And whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *East-Greenwich, Warwick, and Coventry*, to wit : *James Mitchel Varnum, Richard Fry, Christopher Greene* (Son of *Philip*) *Hopkins Cooke, Nathaniel Greene, jun.* (of *Coventry*) *Daniel Greene, Griffin Greene, Joseph Josslyn, Joseph Whitmarsh, Augustus Mumford, John Cooke, Richard Matteson, John Dexter, John Fry, Gideon Mumford, Nathaniel Greene* (Son of *Richard*) *William Arnold, Archibald Crary, John Glazier, Stephen Mumford, Christopher Greene, Andrew Boyd, Ezer Wall, Abial Brown, Oliver Gardner, Clarke Brown, John Greene* (Son of *Richard*) *Benjamin Spencer, Stephen Greene, Charles Greene, James Searle, Gideon Freeborn, Sylvester Greene, Wanton Casey, Job Pierce, William Greene* (Son of *Richard*) *John Reynolds*, and *Samuel Brown*, have petitioned this Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, forming them, and such others as shall be joined unto them (not exceeding One Hundred Men, Rank and File) into a Company, by the Name of the *Kentish* Guards :

WHEREFORE,



WHEREFORE, this Assembly, to encourage a Design so laudable, have Ordained, Constituted, and Granted, and hereby do Ordain, Constitute, and Appoint, That the said Petitioners, and such others as shall be joined to them (not exceeding the Number of One Hundred Men, Rank and File) be, and they are hereby, declared to be an Independent Company, by the Name of the *Kentish Guards* ; and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have and enjoy all the Rights, Powers, and Privileges, in this Grant hereafter mentioned.

IMPRIMIS, It is Granted unto the said Company, that they, or the major Part of them, shall, and may, once in every Year, *to wit* : On the last Wednesday in *April*, meet and assemble themselves together, in some convenient Place, by them appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit* : One Captain, Two Lieutenants, and One Ensign, and all other Officers necessary for training, discipling, and well ordering said Company. At which Meeting no Officer shall be chosen, but by the greater Number of Votes then present : The Captain, Lieutenants, and Ensign, to be approved of by the Governor and Council, for the Time being ; and shall be commissioned, and engaged, in the same Manner, as other military Officers in this Colony are.

SECONDLY, That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet, and exercise themselves, upon such other Days, and as often, as they shall think necessary, and not be subject to the Orders, or Directions, of the Colonel, or other Field-Officers, of the Regiment in whose District they live, in such Meetings and Exercising : And that they be obliged to meet, for Exercising, at least Four Times in each Year, upon the Penalty of paying to, and for the Use of, the Company, *to wit* : The Captain, for each Day's Neglect, Three Pounds, lawful Money, the Lieutenants, and Ensign, each Twenty Shillings, lawful Money, the Clerk, and other subaltern Officers, each Twelve Shillings, lawful

ful Money, and each private Soldier, Six Shillings, lawful Money, to be collected by Warrant of Distress, directed to the Clerk, from the Captain or other Superior Officer.

THIRDLY, That said Company, or the greater Number of them, make all such Laws, Rules, and Orders, among themselves, as they shall deem expedient, for the well ordering, and disciplining, said Company ; and lay any Penalty, or Fine, for the Breach of such Rules, not exceeding Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, for One Offence, to be collected as above-said.

FOURTHLY, That all those who shall be duly enlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing other military Duty (Watching and Warding only excepted) in the several Companies, or Trained Bands, in whose District they respectively live, excepting such as shall be Officers in any of the said Companies or Trained Bands.

FIFTHLY, That if any Officer, or Officers, of the said Company, shall be disapproved by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said County of *Kent*, or shall be taken away by Death, that then, and in such Cases, the Captain of said Company, or Superior Officer, for the Time being, shall call a Meeting for the Election of another, or others, in his or their Stead, who shall be so removed.

SIXTHLY, For the further Encouragement of the said Company, It is Granted, That the Captain of said Company shall be of the Rank of Colonel, that the First Lieutenant be of the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, that the Second Lieutenant be of the Rank of Major, and that the Ensign be of the Rank of Captain : That the said Officers shall be of the Court-Martial, and Council of War, in the Regiment, in whose District they live : That upon all general Reviews, and general Musters, the said Company shall rank the First

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Independent Company for the County of *Kent* : And that, in Time of Alarm, the said Company shall be under the immediate Direction of the Commander in Chief of the Colony.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Colony be, and he is hereby, directed, to make a fair Copy of the preceding Act, establishing the Company called the *Kentish* Guards, affix the Colony Seal thereto, and transmit the same to the said Company.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, at the Request of the said Company, That the following Officers be, and they are hereby, appointed to command the same, to wit :

*James Mitchell Varnum*, Captain,  
*Richard Fry*, First Lieutenant,  
*Christopher Greene* (Son of *Philip*) Second Lieut.  
*Hopkins Cooke*, Ensign.

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Act establishing an Independent Company, in the Towns of *Warwick* and *Cranston* by the Name of the *Pawtuxet* Rangers.

An ACT establishing an Independent Company, by the Name of the *Pawtuxet* Rangers.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, in Time of War, depends, under God, upon the military Skill and Discipline of its Inhabitants : And whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Warwick*, and *Cranston*, to wit : *Samuel Aborn*, *Benjamin Arnold*, *Rhodes Arnold*, *Stephen Greene*, *Robert Rhodes*, *William Holdridge*, *Elisha Carpenter*, *Israel Arnold*, *James Rhodes*, *James Aborn*, *Anthony Aborn*, *Joseph Whitney*, *Job Smith*, *Caleb Sheldon*, *Oliver Arnold*, *Peter Rhodes*, *Christopher Smith*, *Daniel Aborn*, *Sylvester Rhodes*, *Charles Rhodes*, *Reuben Blanchard*, *James Sheldon*, *Malachi Rhodes*, *Benjamin Smith*, *Simeon Smith*, *Joseph Rhodes*, *James Arnold* (the Fifth) *Low Carpenter*, *Peleg Rhodes Arnold*, *John Stone*, *John Randall*, *Job Greene*, *James Harris*, jun. *Stephen Fenner*, *Caleb Corps*, *Jeremiah Randall*,

*dall, George Waterman, Philip Arnold, Benjamin Sweet, Benjamin Waterman, Rhodes Greene, Israel Arnold (Son of Peleg) Josiah Potter, Daniel Burris, William Greene, Stephen Smith, jun. James Witney, George Waterman, Jeremiah Field, and James Hawkins*, have petitioned this Assembly, for a Charter, forming them, and such others as shall be joined to them (not exceeding One Hundred Men, Rank and File) into an Independent Company by the Name of the *Pawtuxet* Rangers :

WHEREFORE, this Assembly, to encourage a Design so laudable, have Ordained, Constituted, and Granted, and do hereby Ordain, Constitute, and Grant, That the said Petitioners, and such others as shall be added to them (not exceeding One Hundred Men, Rank and File) be, and they are hereby, declared to be an Independent Company, by the Name of the *Pawtuxet Rangers* ; and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession ; and shall have and enjoy all the Privileges and Immunities hereinafter granted.

IMPRIMIS, It is Granted unto the said Company, that they, or the greater Number of them, shall, and may, once in every Year, *to wit* : On the Second Wednesday in *April*, meet and assemble themselves together, in some convenient place, by them directed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit* : One Captain, Two Lieutenants, and One Ensign, and all other Officers requisite for the training, disciplining, and well ordering the said Company : At which Meeting no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Votes then present : The Captain, Lieutenants, and Ensign, to be approved of by the Governor and Council, for the Time being ; and shall be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner as other military Officers in this Colony are.

SECONDLY, That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet and exercise themselves upon such other Days as they shall think proper, and not be subject to the Orders or Directions of the Colonel, or other Field-Officers,

Officers, of the Regiment in whose District they live or shall be, in such Meetings and Exercising : And that they be obliged to meet, for Exercising, at least, Four Times in the Year, upon the Penalty of paying to and for the Use of the said Company, *to wit* : The Captain, for every Day's Absence, Three Pounds, lawful Money, the Lieutenants and Ensign, each Twenty Shillings, lawful Money, the Clerk, and other subaltern Officers, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, each, and each private Soldier, Six Shillings, lawful Money, to be collected by Warrant of Distress, to be directed to the Clerk, from the Captain, or other Superior Officer, for the Time being.

THIRDLY, That the said Company, or the greater Number of them, make such Laws, Rules and Orders among themselves, as they shall deem expedient, for the well ordering and disciplining said Company ; and lay any Penalty or Fine, for the Breach of such Rules, not exceeding Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, for One single Offence, to be levied and collected in Manner above-mentioned.

FOURTHLY, That all those who shall be duly inlisted in said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing other military Duty (Watching and Warding excepted) in the several Companies, or Trained Bands, in whose District they respectively live, excepting such as shall be Officers in said Companies or Trained Bands.

FIFTHLY, That if any Officer, or Officers, of the said Company, shall be disapproved by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said Towns of *Warwick* and *Cranston*, or shall be removed by Death, that then, and in such Cases, the Captain of said Company, or other Superior Officer, for the Time being, shall call a Meeting for the election of another, or others, in Manner as aforesaid.

SIXTHLY.



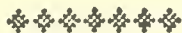
SIXTHLY, And, for the better Encouragement of the said Company, It is Granted, That the Captain of the said Company shall be of the Rank of Colonel, the First Lieutenant, of the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, the Second Lieutenant, of the Rank of Major, and the Ensign, of the Rank of Captain : That the said Officers shall be of the Court-Martial, and Council of War, in the Regiment of the County of *Kent* : That, upon all general Reviews, and general Musters, the said Company shall rank the Second Independent Company for the County of *Kent* : And that in the Time of Alarm, the said Company shall be under the immediate Direction of the Commander in Chief of the Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Colony be, and he is hereby, directed to make a fair Copy of the preceding Act, establishing the Company called the *Pawtuxet* Rangers, affix the Colony Seal thereto, and transmit the same to the said Company.

Secretary to deliver to the *Pawtuxet* Rangers a Copy, under the Colony Seal, of the Act incorporating them.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, at the Request of the said Company, that the following Officers be, and they are hereby, appointed to command the same, *to wit* :

*Samuel Aborn*, Captain,  
*Benjamin Arnold*, First Lieutenant,  
*Rhodes Arnold*, Second Lieutenant,  
*Stephen Greene*, Ensign.



WHEREAS *Benoni Pearce*, *John Foster*, *Nicholas Tillinghast*, and *Paul Tew*, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

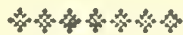
WE, whose Names are hereto subscribed, being a Committee, appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, to take into Consideration the Memorial and Petition of *Joseph Nash*,  
F Report upon the Memorial and Petition of *J. Nash* and *G. Whipple*.

*Nash*, and *Christopher Whipple*, and to make Report of the Damage they have sustained by Reason of the Seizure of the Sloop *Two-Pollies*, and her Cargo, by the *Spanish* Governor of *New-Orleans*, in the River *Messissippi*, having duly inspected and considered the several Papers and Evidences, authenticated at said *New-Orleans*, containing the Proceedings relative to said Seizure, do report, That, by the Seventh Article of the Treaty of *Paris*, subsisting between his Britannic Majesty and his most Christian Majesty, "The Navigation of the River *Messissippi* shall be equally free, as well to the Subjects of *Great-Britain*, as to those of *France*, in its whole Breadth and Length, from its Source to the Sea, and, expressly, that Part which is between the said Island of *New-Orleans*, and the Right Bank of that River, as well as the Passage both in and out of its Mouth : It is further stipulated, that the Vessels belonging to the Subjects of either Nation, shall not be stopped, visited, or subjected to the Payment of any Duty whatsoever."--- That the Subjects of his most Catholic Majesty, at said *New-Orleans*, hold and enjoy their Right to Trade and Commerce, in and by the said River, subject to the Limits and Regulations of said Treaty : That it appears to us that the said Seizure is a flagrant Breach of said Treaty ; and appears to have been so considered by the said Governor of *New-Orleans*, in and by his Decree, acquitting the said *Joseph Nash*, his said Sloop and Cargo, and ordering every Thing that had been seized to be restored to him. It further appears to us, that the said Decree hath not been duly complied with : That although, by Virtue of said Decree, the said *Joseph Nash* had Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars restored to him, yet, by the Account of the said *Joseph*, exhibited before the said Governor of *New-Orleans*, and duly sworn to, and authenticated, before the Governor of *Pensacola*, that the said *Joseph* and *Christopher* have sustained Damage, by Means of the said Seizure, to the Amount of Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-one Dollars, over and above what they had restored to them. All which is humbly

bly submitted, by

*Benoni Pearce,  
John Foster,  
Nicholas Tillinghast,  
Paul Tew.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted : And that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit a State of the said Affair to His Majesty's Secretary of State, for the *American* Department, at the Expence of the Memorialists.



AN ACT for dividing the Regiment in the County of *Providence*, into Three distinct Regiments, each Regiment to be a Battalion ; and for forming the whole into One Brigade.

**B**E it Enacted, by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is hereby Enacted, That the said Regiment be, and the same is hereby, divided into Three separate and distinct Regiments, in the following Manner, to wit : The Militia Companies in the Towns of *Providence*, *Johnston*, and *North-Providence*, the Eastern Company in the Town of *Smithfield*, and all the Companies in the Town of *Cranston*, excepting the Western Company, shall be the First Regiment or Battalion of Brigade : That the remaining Companies in the Town of *Smithfield*, and the Companies of the Towns of *Gloucester* and *Cumberland*, be the Second Regiment and Battalion of Brigade : That the Companies of the Town of *Scituate*, together with the Western Company of the Town of *Cranston*, be the Third Regiment and Battalion of Brigade : That the said Three Regiments shall constitute and make One Brigade : That each Battalion of Brigade, as aforesaid, shall be commanded by One Colonel, One Lieutenant-Colonel, and One Major : And that the whole

Act dividing the Regiment in the County of *Providence* into Three Battalions, and forming the whole into One Brigade.

whole Brigade shall be commanded by One Colonel of Brigade, One Lieutenant-Colonel of Brigade, and One Major of Brigade.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be annually appointed an Adjutant-Major of Brigade, who shall be commissioned accordingly.*

Officers chosen.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the following Persons be, and they are hereby, chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names, respectively, to wit :*

<i>Chad Brown, Esq;</i> Colonel of the Second,	} Battalion of the Brigade, in the County of Providence.
<i>Ezekiel Cornell, Esq;</i> Colonel of the Third,	
<i>Jabez Bowen, Esq;</i> Lieutenant-Colonel of the First,	
<i>William Winsor, Esq;</i> Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second,	
<i>Christopher Lippitt, Esq;</i> Lieutenant-Colonel of the Third,	
<i>Daniel Hitchcock, Esq;</i> Major of the First,	
<i>Abial Brown, Esq;</i> Major of the Second,	
<i>John Cokwell, jun. Esq;</i> Major of the Third,	

*William Tyler, Esq;* Adjutant-Major of the Brigade, in the County of *Providence*.

*Thomas Aldrich, Captain, Elijah Arnold, Lieutenant, and Jacob Comstock, Ensign, of the Second Company of Militia, or Trained Band, in the Town of Smithfield,*

*David Lawrence, Ensign, of the First Company of Militia, or Trained Band, in the Town of Providence.*

*James*

*James Burril*, Ensign of the Second Company of Militia, or Trained Band, in the Town of *Providence*.

*Christopher Levally*, Captain, *Waterman Tibbits*, Lieutenant, and *Stukely Stafford*, Ensign, of the Third Company of Militia, or Trained Band, in the Town of *Warwick*.

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WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq; Mr. *John Bours*, and *William Ellery*, Esq; presented to this Assembly the following Report, State of the Light-House Accounts, with the General Treasury, and account, by them charged against the Colony, to wit :

Report of the Committee upon the Light-House Accounts, with the General Treasury.

WE the Subscribers being appointed, a Committee, to examine the Accounts of the Light-House, so far as respects the Money paid out of the General Treasury, for the Repairs of the Light-House, and the Sums paid into the General Treasury, raised by the Light-Money, do report, that we have examined the same ; and herewith present your Honors the following State hereof.

*George Hazard,*  
*John Bours,*  
*William Ellery.*

Dr. Account Current the Light-House with the General Treasury.

Lawful Money.

1759, } To an Order of Assembly, in			
Aug } Favour of <i>Josiah Arnold</i> ,			
	for the Balance of his Account, £. 38 12 6 Sterling,	£. 51	10 0
June. To ditto, for the Balance of			
	<i>Josiah Arnold's</i> Account,		
	£. 765 18 11 Old Tenor,	28	14 5½
1765 } To a Charge in <i>William Read's</i>			
May. } Account, for Disbursements			
	on the Light-House, £. 917		
	17 0 Old Tenor, - -	34	8 4½
	G		Sept.



Sept.	To an Order of Assembly, in Favour of <i>Benjamin Wickham</i> , £. 667 14 0 Old Tenor, - - -	25 0 9
	To ditto, in Favour of <i>Joseph Brown</i> , for his Time, Trouble, and Expences, in repairing and altering the Light-House, - - -	5 6 0
	To ditto, in Favour of <i>John Mawdsley</i> , for the same, -	7 16 0
1766, } Dec. }	To ditto, in Favour of <i>John Hookey</i> , for the same, -	0 16 11½
	To ditto, in Favour of <i>James Hardy</i> , for the same, -	2 5 0
1767, } June. }	To ditto, in Favour of <i>Josiah Arnold</i> , for the Balance of his Account, £. 19 14 0 Sterling, - - -	26 5 4
	N. B. Interest was ordered to be allowed upon said Sum, until paid.	
	To ditto, in Favour of ditto, for the Payment of Interest, upon £. 144 0 0 Old-Tenor, 2 Years and Ten Months, at 10 per Cent, £. 40 2 7. - - -	1 10 1
1771, } Aug. }	To an Order of Assembly, in Favour of <i>Charles Spooner</i> , for - - -	249 4 10
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	Balance due to the Light-House,	£. 432 17 9½ 0 4 11½
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		£. 433 2 9½

Creditor,

1764. By Cash received by the General Treasurer, being the

Balance

Balance of <i>John Wanton's</i>				
Account, £. 641 11 0				
Old-Tenor, - - -		£. 24	1	2
By ditto, received by ditto, being the Balance of <i>Benjamin Wickham's</i> Account, recovered in the Year 1763,				
£. 2104 7 11 Old Tenor,		78	18	3½
By ditto received, by ditto, being the Balance of <i>George Gardner's</i> Account, recovered at the same Time, £. 1861				
12 2 Old Tenor,		69	16	2½
1770, } May. }	By ditto, received by ditto, being the Balance of <i>Jonathan Willson's</i> Account,			
£. 24899 0 Old-Tenor,		93	7	1
1773, } Aug. }	By Balance of <i>James Clarke's</i> Account, as per Report of a Committee, - -	127	16	10¼
1774, } Aug. }	By ditto, per ditto, - -	39	3	2
		<hr/> £. 433 2 9¼ <hr/>		

Colony of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c.	Dr.	<i>G. Hazard,</i>
To our Time in performing the afore-		<i>J. Bours,</i> and
said Business, 1 Day each, at 6s. per		<i>W. Ellery,</i> al-
Day, - - - - -	£. 0 18 0	lowed 6s.
		each.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the Account of the Committee be allowed ; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Hazard, John Bours,* and *William Ellery*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Rates of the Light-Money, for all Vessels coming into, and going out of, this Colony, be reduced to Three Quarter Parts of what they are now stated at. Light-Money lowered.

WHEREAS

Report of T.  
Freebody, who  
is allowed 6s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, and Account, to wit :

IN Pursuance of a Vote of the General Assembly, passed at last *August* Session, appointing Mr. *John Smith*, and me, a Committee, to divide, and set off, to the County of *Providence*, their Proportion of the Colony's Arms, lodged in the Colony-House in *Newport*, and deliver them to the Order of his Honor the Deputy-Governor, I have delivered to the said *John Smith*, Nine Pikes, One Hundred and Twenty Small-Arms, Forty Cutlasses, Seventeen Bayonets, One Hundred and Thirty-three Cartridge-Boxes, and Sixty Pistols, and have taken a Receipt for the same, which I herewith present to your Honors.

*Thomas Freebody.*

The Colony Dr. to *Thomas Freebody*,  
For my Service in performing the abovesaid Business,  
1 Day,        -        -        -        -        £. 0 6 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the said Account be allowed ; and that Six Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Freebody*, out of the General Treasury.

Report upon  
J. Williams's  
Account, who  
is allowed £. 4  
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WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq; Mr. *John G. Wanton*, and Mr. *John Read*, who were appointed, a Committee, to audit an Account charged by Mr. *James Williams*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Providence*, for taking up, and committing several Persons suspected of counterfeiting Money, &c. presented unto this Assembly the following Report upon the said Account, to wit :

WE being appointed a Committee, to audit the within Account, do report, that we have carefully examined the same, and do allow *James Williams*, the within-named Officer, Four Pounds, lawful Money, for

or the within mentioned Services.

*George Hazard,  
John G. Wanton,  
John Read.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted : And that the Sum of Four Pounds, lawful Money, therein mentioned, be allowed and paid the said *James Williams*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS the Committee, in the next preceding Vote mentioned, presented unto this Assembly the following Report upon an Account, charged against the Colony, by Mr. *David Yau*, a Constable in the County of *Providence*, for Services of the same Nature with those of Mr. *James Williams*, to wit :

*Report upon  
D. Yau's  
Account,  
who is allow-  
ed £. 1 1 0.*

WE being appointed a Committee to examine the within Account, do report, That we do allow the within mentioned *David Yau* One Pound, One Shilling, lawful Money, for his within mentioned Services.

*George Hazard,  
John G. Wanton,  
John Read.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that the Sum of One Pound, One Shilling, lawful Money, therein mentioned, be allowed and paid the said *David Yau*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS the same Committee, in the Two next preceding Votes mentioned, presented unto this Assembly the following Report upon an Account, charged against the Colony, by Mr. *John Pratt*, a Constable in the County of *Providence*, for Services of the same Nature of those set forth in the Two next preceding Votes, to wit :

*Report upon  
J. Pratt's  
Account,  
who is allow-  
ed 18s.*

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WE being appointed a Committee to examine the within Account, do report, That we allow the within Officer, *John Pratt*, Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, for the within mentioned Services, performed by him.

*George Hazard,  
John G. Wanton,  
John Read.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Sum therein mentioned, be paid the said *John Pratt*, out of the Genaral Treasury.

Report upon  
*B. Whipple's*  
Account, who  
is allowed  
£. 1 7 0.

WHEREAS the same Committee, in the Three next preceding Votes mentioned. presented unto this Assembly the following Report upon an Account, charged against the Colony, by Mr. *Benajah Whipple*, a Constable in the County of *Providence*, for Services of the same Nature as those set forth in the Three next preceding Votes, *to wit* :

WE being appointed a Committee to examine the within Account, do report, That we have done the same, and allow the within Officer, *Benajah Whipple*, One Pound, Seven Shillings, lawful Money, for the within mentioned Services, performed by him.

*George Hazard,  
John G. Wanton,  
John Read.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that One Pound, Seven Shillings, lawful Money, being the Sum therein mentioned, be paid the said *Benajah Whipple*, out of the General Treasury.

*G. Hazard,  
J. G. Wanton, and J.  
Read, allowed 18s.*

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq; Mr. *John G. Wanton*, and Mr. *John Read*, exhibited unto this Assembly an



an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Services, One Day each, in auditing the Accounts of Messrs. *James Williams, David Yau, John Pratt, and Benajah Whipple* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Hazard, John G. Wanton, and John Read*, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the alias Execution, obtained by the Colony, against *John Andrews, Esq;* Colony's Execution against *J. Andrews* to be returned unsatisfied. which is returnable to the Inferior Court, to be holden in *Newport*, on the Third Monday in *November* next, be then returned unsatisfied : And that a pluries Execution be not taken out against him until *December* next ; he having promised, before the Lower-House, to allow and pay Interest for what remains due from him, as well for the Time past, as the future, until the same be paid.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Persons be, and they are hereby, appointed Officers, to command the First Company of Militia, or Trained Bands, in the Town of *Warwick*, to wit :

*John Greene*, Captain, *Abraham Lockwood*, Lieutenant, and *Silvester Wickes*, Ensign.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Jenckes, John Smith, and John Matthewson*, who were appointed a Committee to ascertain the Limits of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Providence*, reported the following Bounds, to wit :

THAT the Southern Bounds or Limits extend from the old Gaol-Yard, to the North Line of Capt. *John Smith's* Lot of Land, whereon his Dwelling-House stands, from the Northeast Corner of said House, which bounds on the Main-Street, thence Westerly to the Head of the Wharf, lately built on the Gang-Way, leading to the Gaol, from the North Side of said Limits of the Gaol in *Providence* ascertained.

said Wharf, to the Gaol, thence Northerly and Easterly to the South and Westerly Lines of Lands belonging to the Heirs of *Oliver Arnold*, Esq; deceased, thence Easterly to the Northwest Corner of a Shop or Store in the Occupation of Messrs. *Halfey* and *Corlis*, from the South End of said Shop, Easterly, to the Main-Street, the West Side of said Street from the South End of said Shop or Store, to the North End of Capt. *Smith's* House, to be the Eastern Boundary of the Gaol-Yard :

On Consideration whereof,

*BE it Enacted, by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the above-mentioned Limits be, and they are hereby, approved ; and that, for the future, they shall be the Boundaries of the Liberties of the said Gaol.*

Committee  
to see what  
Repairs are  
wanted for  
the Gaol in  
*Providence.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Benjamin Greene, Thomas Freebody, and Nathan Miller, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to inspect the Gaol in the County of Providence ; and that they report what Repairs are necessary thereon, to this Assembly, at the next Session.*

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As assessing  
a Tax.

AN ACT for assessing, upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, a Rate or Tax of Four Thousand Pounds, lawful Money.

£. 4000 to  
be levied.

£. 2000 to  
pay the  
Notes given  
for Old-Ten-  
nor ; and  
£. 2000 for  
the Charges  
of Govern-  
ment.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That a Rate or Tax of Four Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be levied, collected, and paid into the General Treasury, on or before the First Day of May next ; Two Thousand Pounds thereof to be applied towards paying the lawful Money Notes, given for siaking the Old Tenor*  
Bills

Bills of this Colony, and Two Thousand Pounds to defray the exigent Charges of Government.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority afore-  
said, That the Poll-Tax shall be Six Pence, for each* Poll-Tax 2s.  
*and every Thousand Pounds ; and that all Male Per-  
sons, of Twenty-one Years of Age, and upward, ex-  
cepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, shall pay the  
Poll-Tax.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority afore-  
said, That the Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is* Apportion-  
*hereby, apportioned unto and upon the several Towns,* ment to the  
*in the following Manner, agreeable to the General  
Estimate : That is to say,* Towns.

<i>NEWPORT shall pay</i>	£.	623	12	11½
<i>Providence,</i>		237	16	4
<i>Warwick,</i>		190	1	6
<i>Portsmouth,</i>		184	15	6½
<i>Westerly.</i>		110	16	1½
<i>New-Shoreham,</i>		49	3	2
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>		188	15	11½
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>		372	4	0½
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>		95	13	6½
<i>Jamesstown,</i>		80	11	7½
<i>Smithfield,</i>		194	14	8½
<i>Scituate,</i>		143	13	10
<i>Gloucester,</i>		123	5	0½
<i>Charlestown,</i>		91	7	10
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>		67	17	10
<i>Coventry,</i>		90	10	9½
<i>Exeter,</i>		97	6	1½
<i>Moddletown,</i>		130	9	10½
<i>Bristol,</i>		108	12	6½
<i>Tiverton,</i>		142	9	10
<i>Little-Compton,</i>		125	0	10
<i>Warren,</i>		38	8	2½
<i>Cumberland,</i>		71	19	7½
<i>Richmond,</i>		70	3	7½
<i>Cranston,</i>		132	5	0½
<i>Hopkinton,</i>		93	16	2
<i>Johnston,</i>		54	13	10½
<i>North-Providence,</i>		47	8	4
<i>Barrington,</i>		42	5	0

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Delinquent  
Towns to  
pay Interest.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of said Tax at the Time limited for the Payment thereof, as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum for which they shall be deficient, until the same shall be paid, and each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General Treasurer.*

Rate Lists to  
be returned  
to the General  
Treasurer, who is  
to issue his  
Warrants for  
collecting.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors shall apportion the said Tax, and return a true List of the same unto the Town-Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly : And the said Town-Clerk is hereby directed to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed to issue his Warrants, within Four Days, to the several Collectors of Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the King's Name, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.*

Towns to  
pay the Ex-  
pence of as-  
sessing, &c.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges of assessing and collecting the aforesaid Tax, appointed to such Town.*

Execution to  
be issued a-  
gainst the  
Town-Trea-  
surers of the  
delinquent  
Towns.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That upon the Neglect of any Town, within this Colony, to assess, collect, and pay into the General Treasury, their Proportion of said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Deficiency of said Tax, immediately after the First Day of May next, returnable within Thirty Days.*

Town Treasurers to sue  
the Bonds given by the  
Collectors,  
at special  
Courts.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this Colony be, and he is hereby, empowered*

ered to sue out and prosecute the Security that shall be by him taken from the Collector of said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Security shall be taken ; and such Special Court, when convened, shall have the same Power, and take the same Fees, as Special Courts have heretofore had in this Colony ; and the Judgment of such Court shall be final.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns, in this Colony, be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer, and Collector of their respective Towns, to the General Treasurer, at the same Time they send a Copy of the Tax-List.*

Town-Clerks to return the Names of the Town-Treasurers, and Collectors of Rates, to the General Treasurer.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer, in this Colony, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors of his Town : And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General Treasury, before or at the Time limited in this Act.*

Secretary to transmit a Copy of this Act to the several Towns.



AN ACT establishing an Independent Company, by the Name of the Company of *Light-Infantry*, of the Town of *Gloucester*.

Act establishing an Independent Company by the Name of the *Light-Infantry* of the Town of *Gloucester*.

**W**HEREAS *Chad Brown*, and *Silas Williams*, Esqrs. Deputies of the Town of *Gloucester*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That a Number of Persons in the said Town, animated by a laudable Motive of perfecting themselves in military Discipline, by more frequent and regular Exercisings



Exercifings than they can obtain in the Companies of Militia, in their prefent State, are defirous of being formed into an Independent Company, by the Name of the Company of *Light-Infantry* of the Town of *Gloucefter*, and have agreed upon the following Officers to command the fame, *to wit* : *Afa Kimbal*, Captain, *David Inman*, Lieutenant, and *Abraham Tourtellot*, Ensign : And thereupon the faid *Chad Brown*, and *Silas Williams*, prayed this Affembly, That the faid *Afa Kimbal*, *David Inman*, and *Abraham Tourtellot*, together with *Gideon Burgefs*, *William Page*, *Daniel Page*, *Benjamin Burgefs*, *Samuel Thornton*, *John Burgefs*, *David Richardson*, *Afa Rofs*, *Elisha Harris*, *Daniel Barnes*, and *Joseph Barnes*, and fuch others as fhall be added to them, may be formed into, and eftablifhed, an Independent Company, by the Name of the Company of *Light-Infantry* of the Town of *Gloucefter* : That a Charter may be granted them of the fame Tenor and Form (*mutatis mutandis*) with that granted, by this Affembly, at the Seflion held at *Newport*, on the Second Monday in *June* laft, to the Company of *Light-Infantry* in the Town of *Providence*, with the following Alterations, *to wit* : That the Commiffioned Officers of the faid Company of *Light-Infantry*, of the Town of *Gloucefter*, fhall take Rank before the Commiffioned Officers of the Companies of Militia, in the Colony : That the Clause, appointing the Station of the faid Company of *Light-Infantry* of the Town of *Providence*, be omitted in the Charter now prayed for : And that upon all Field-Days, public Trainings, and Alarms, the faid Company of *Light-Infantry*, of the Town of *Gloucefter*, be under the Directions, and Orders, of the Field-Officers of the Regiment, in the County of *Providence* :

On Confideration whereof,

*BE it Enacted, by this General Affembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prayer of the faid Chad Brown, and Silas Williams, in their aforefaid Petition made, be, and the fame is hereby, granted :*

ed : And that a Charter be made out and executed to the said Company of *Light-Infantry* of the Town of *Gloucester*, agreeable thereto.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Persons be, and they are hereby, appointed to command the Company of *Light-Infantry* of the Town of *Gloucester*, to wit :

Officers appointed for the *Gloucester Light-Infantry*.

*Afa Kimbal*, Captain, *David Inman*, Lieutenant and *Abraham Tourtellot*, Ensign.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General Treasury.

*D. Branch* allowed 14/.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Compton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Compton*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Compton* allowed 14/.

WHEREAS the same *William Compton* also exhibited, unto this Assembly, another Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services in apprehending and committing several Persons, upon Suspicion of counterfeiting Money : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Thirty Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed, and paid the said *William Compton*, out of the General Treasury, in full Discharge of the said Account.

And also £. 1 10 0.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor,

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Governor requested to call the Assembly upon the Return of the Delegates.

Adjournment.

vernor be, and he is hereby, requested to call the General Assembly together, as soon as he shall think proper, within One Week after the Arrival of the Delegates of this Colony, from the General Congress.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs, in this Colony, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned unto the First Tuesday in *May* next, if then called, to meet at *Providence*, but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

G O D save the K I N G.

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A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

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*Henry Ward Sec'y*

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor, at *Providence*, within and for the said Colony, on the First Monday in *December*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and Fifteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Joseph Wanton*, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;

THOMAS WICKES, Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;

WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

} Assistants.

Mr. HENRY SHERBURNE, Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* John Bours,  
*Mr.* John Read,  
*Mr.* Thomas Freebody.

## PROVIDENCE :

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* John Jenckes,  
*Mr.* John Smith,  
*Col.* John Matthewson.

## PORTSMOUTH :

*Mr.* Speaker,  
*John* Jepson, *Esq.*

## WARWICK :

*Mr.* Benjamin Greene,  
*William* Greene, *Esq;*  
*Stephen* Arnold, *Esq;*  
*John* Low, *Esq.*

## WESTERLY :

*Joshua* Babcock, *Esq;*  
*Stephen* Saunders, *Esq.*

## NEW-SHOREHAM :

## N O N E.

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

*Peter* Phillips, *Esq;*  
*John* Northup, *Esq.*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

*John* Potter, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Carder Hazard.

## EAST-GREENWICH :

*Preserved* Pearce, *Esq;*  
*William* Peirce, *Esq.*

## JAMESTOWN :

*Mr.* Edward Hull,  
*Mr.* Daniel Weeden, jun.

## SMITHFIELD :

*Mr.* Israel Wilkinson,  
*William* Winsor, *Esq.*

## SCITUATE :

*Ezekiel* Cornell, *Esq;*  
*Mr.* Rufus Hopkins.

## GLOUCESTER :

*Silas* Williams, *Esq;*

*JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk, of the Lower House.*

*Chad* Brown, *Esq.*

## CHARLESTOWN .

*Sylvester* Robinson, *Esq.*

## WEST-GREENWICH :

*Benjamin* Tillinghast, *Esq.*

## COVENTRY :

*John* Rice, *Esq;*

*Mr.* Nathaniel Greene, jun.

## EXETER :

*George* Pierce, *Esq;*

*Jeffery* Wilcox, *Esq.*

## MIDDLETOWN :

## N O N E.

## BRISTOL :

*Simeon* Potter, *Esq.*

## TIVERTON :

## N O N E.

## LITTLE-COMPTON :

*Thomas* Church, *Esq.*

## WARREN :

*Mr.* Cromel Child,  
*Nathan* Miller, *Esq.*

## CUMBERLAND :

*John* Dexter, *Esq;*

*Nathaniel* Shepperdson, *Esq.*

## RICHMOND :

*George* Webb, *Esq;*

*Mr.* Richard Bailey, jun.

## CRANSTON :

*Mr.* Peter Burlingame.

## HOPKINTON :

*Capt.* Abel Tanner,

*Mr.* Jesse Maxson.

## JOHNSTON :

*John* Waterman, *Esq;*

*Mr.* Joshua Greene.

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

*Mr.* Joseph Olney,

*Thomas* Olney, *Esq.*

## BARRINGTON :

## N O N E.

WHEREAS the *Newport Light-Infantry Com-* Officers of  
pany, at a Meeting legally held at *Newport*, the *Newport*  
on the 21st of *November* last, elected *Charles Spooner*, *Light Infan-*  
Esq; First Lieutenant of the said Company, in the try, approv-  
Room of Capt. *Caleb Gardner*, who declined serving; ed  
and, at a Meeting legally held at *Newport*, on the 2d  
instant, elected Capt. *James Tew*, Esq; Second Lieu-  
tenant of the said Company, in the Room of Capt. *Eli-*  
*sha Laruton*, who declined serving; and prayed the Go-  
vernor and Council to approve their said Choice: And  
the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolv-*  
*ed*, by the Governor and Council, that the said Offi-  
cers be, and they are hereby, approved.

WHEREAS Mr. *Timothy Waterhouse* exhibited unto  
this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the *T. Water-*  
Colony, for One Dozen Chairs for the Court-House in *house allow-*  
*Newport*: And the said Account being duly examin- ed £.3 0 0.  
ed, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and  
hereby is, allowed; and that Three Pounds, lawful  
Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ti-*  
*mothy Waterhouse*, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Rule of Court The Refer-  
entered into by the Attorney-General, in Behalf of ence between  
the Colony, with *John Fenner*, be, and the same is the Colony,  
hereby, approved. & *J. Fenner*,  
approved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Five Pounds, Ele-  
ven Shillings, and One Penny, lawful Money, be al- *C. Aldrich,*  
lowed, and paid to *Caleb Aldrich*, Esq; out of the Ge- and *A. Pain*,  
neral Treasury, and the like Sum to Capt. *Arnold* allowed £. 5  
*Pain*, in full for their Proportion of the Reward, of- 11 1 each.  
fered by Proclamation, for apprehending *Daniel Will-*  
*son*.



An ACT establishing a Military Compa-  
ny, by the Name of the *Scituate Hun-*  
*ters*.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, A& for estab-  
in Time of War, depends, under God, upon lishing a Mili-  
the Name of the  
Scituate Hun-  
ters.

the Military Skill and Discipline of its Inhabitants . And whereas *Joseph Kimbol, jun. Gideon Cornell, Lemuel Morris, Jonathan Smith, Barthram Rounds, John Seamans, the 3d. William Brownell, Zebedee Hopkins, Oliver Westcott, jun. Caleb Westcott, Timothy Hopkins, jun. Hope Smith, Jacob Walker, Othniel Arnold, Abraham Aldrich, William West, jun. Job Randall, jun. Abner Burlingame, Oliver Carver, Holmes Perkins, Nathaniel Cornell, David Potter, Thomas Begford, Seth Peckham, Thomas Hopkins, George Rounds, Charles Morris, and Nebemiah Angell*, have offered themselves to begin, and with such others as are or shall be added to them, to form themselves into a Company, by the Name of the *Scituate Hunters*, and prayed this Assembly to grant them a Charter, with such Privileges, and under such Limitations, as this Assembly shall think proper.

WHEREFORE this Assembly, in Order to give all due Encouragement to so laudable a Design, have Ordained, Constituted, and Granted, and hereby do Ordain, Constitute, and Grant, that they the aforementioned Persons, together with such others as shall be hereafter added to them (not exceeding 80, exclusive of Officers) be, and they are hereby, declared to be a Company, by the Name of the *Scituate Hunters* ; and by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have, and enjoy, all the Rights, Powers, and Privileges, in this Grant, hereinafter mentioned.

FIRST, It is granted unto the said Company, that they, or the greater Number of them, shall, and may, Once in every Year ; that is to say, on the last Monday in *April*, meet, and assemble themselves together, in some convenient Place by them appointed, then, and there, to choose their Officers, *to wit* : One Captain, Two Lieutenants, and One Ensign, and all other Officers necessary for Training, Disciplining, and well-ordering, said Company, at which Election no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Votes then present, all which Officers shall be approved of  
by



by the Governor and Council, for the Time being, and shall be Commissionated, and Engaged, in the same Manner, as other Military Officers in this Colony are.

SECONDLY, That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet, and exercise themselves, upon such other Days, and as often, as they shall think necessary; and that they shall be obliged to meet, for Exercising, at least Four Times in a Year, upon the Penalty of paying, to and for the Use of the Company, the following Fines, *to wit*: The Captain, for each Day's neglect, Fifty Shillings, lawful Money, First Lieutenant, Forty Shillings, Second Lieutenant, Thirty Shillings, Ensign, Twenty Shillings, the other Officers, Ten Shillings, and the common Soldiers, Three Shillings each, to be evied by Warrant from the Chief Commanding Officer of said Company, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk of said Company

THIRDLY, That the said Company, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make such Rules, and Orders, among themselves, as they shall think necessary to promote the End of their Establishment; and to lay such Fines, and Forfeitures, upon any of their Company, for the Breach of any such Rules, and Orders, as they shall think proper, so as the same exceed not Twelve Shillings for any One Offence; and also shall have Power to levy the same, by Warrant of Distress, from the Commanding Officer, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

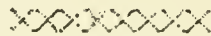
FOURTHLY, That all those who shall be duly inlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing military Duty (Watching and Warding excepted) in the several Trained Bands, in whose District they live.

FIFTHLY, If any Officer, or Officers, of the said Company shall be disapproved of, by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said Town of Sci-



tuatē, or shall be taken away by Death, that then, and in either of those Cases, the Commanding Officer of said Company, for the Time being, shall call the said Company together, as soon as may be, and chuse others in their Rooms, in the same Manner as is herein described and granted.

SIXTHLY. And that *Joseph Kimball, jun.* be the present Captain, *Gideon Cornell*, First Lieutenant, *Le-muel Morris*, Second Lieutenant, *Jonatban Smith*, Ensign : And that said Company, on all Field-Days, take the Right Wing of the Third Battalion in the County of *Providence*, and be under the Field-Officers, in the same Manner as the several Trained Bands in the said Battalion, by Law are. And as soon as said Company shall cease to do their Duty, herein contained, this Grant shall be void, and all Persons, herein mentioned, shall do Duty in the Company in whose District they live, in the same Manner as if they had belonged to said Trained Bands.



Committee  
to revise the  
Militia Laws.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *James Angell*, Col. *Joseph Nightingale*, Col. *John Matthewson*, Major *Daniel Hitchcock*, and Mr. *Nathaneil Greene*, jun. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to revise the Militia Laws of this Colony : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the present Session, as soon as may be.

*J. Jeffers* allowed L. 1 16. WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences in carrying the Act for assessing a Rate, to the several Counties : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Daniel Howland*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against *William Greene*, Esq; for searching the Records and Files of Papers in his Office (at the Request of the said *William Greene*, in Behalf of the Colony) and making Certificates respecting the Colony's Bonds, &c. in the County of *Kent*, while under the Care of *George Brown*, Esq. And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Six Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Howland*, out of the General Treasury. *D. Howland* allowed 6s.

WHEREAS *Daniel Howland*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services in inspecting the Judgments in Favour of the Colony in the County of *Kent*, which remain unsatisfied, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Howland*, out of the General Treasury. And 18s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences in going from *Newport* to *Providence*, to carry a Letter to his Honor the Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that One Pound, sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury. *J. Jeffers* allowed £. 1 16s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Cannon now at *Fort-George* (excepting Two Eighteen-Pounders and One Six-Pounder) and all the Powder, Shot, and Stores thereto belonging (excepting so much Powder and Ball as are sufficient for the Cannon to be left at said Fort) be immediately removed to the Town of *Providence*: The Cannon, &c. at *Fort-George*, to be removed to *Providence*.

*Providence* : That Col. *Joseph Nightingale* be, and he is hereby, appointed to see the same done : That the Commanding Officer of the said Fort be, and he is hereby, ordered to deliver the same to the said *Joseph Nightingale* ; who is hereby directed to keep the Cannon, Ball, &c. in his Possession, until further Orders from this Assembly.

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of Lord *Dart-  
mouth's* Let-  
ter, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Copies of the Letter from the Earl of *Dartmouth*, to this Colony, and of the Order therein inclosed, now lying before this Assembly, be immediately sent, by the Speaker of the Lower House, to *Thomas Cushing*, Esq; the late Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, to be communicated to the Provincial Congress in that Colony.

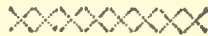
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vided into  
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panies.

WHEREAS *Chad Brown*, Colonel, and *William Winsor*, Lieutenant-Colonel, of the *Second Battalion of Brigade*, in the County of *Providence*, and *John Olney*, Captain of the Second Trained Band, or Company of Militia, in *Gloucester*, in the said County, represented unto this Assembly, That the said Company is very large, extending from *Smithfield* to *Connecticut* Colony, so that it is inconvenient for a great Part of the said Company to attend upon Training and Muster Days : That the said Company, when lately embodied, in the Training-Field, did unanimously agree, that it would be most convenient to divide the same into Two Companies, by a Line to begin at the House of *Jeremiah Comstock*, on the North Side of said Town, adjoining to the Colony of *Massachusetts-Bay*, and to run Southerly, on a straight Line, to the House of *Elisha Harris*, taking the said Two Houses into the Western or new Company proposed to be established : That the said new Company have agreed to recommend the following Persons, to command the same, to wit : *Stephen Winsor*, Captain, *Aaron Arnold*, Lieutenant, and *Joshua Matthewson*, Ensign : And thereupon the said *Chad Brown*, *William Winsor*, and *John Olney*, prayed this Assembly to divide the said Company, agreeable to the  
above

above Resolution thereof, and to appoint the said Persons, Officers of the said new Company : And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, granted : That the said Company be, and hereby is, divided into Two Companies, in Manner abovementioned : And that the said *Stephen Winsor* be Captain, *Aaron Arnold*, Lieutenant, and *Josbua Matthewson*, Ensign, of the said new Company hereby established.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Major *Charles Spooner*, and Capt. *James Tew*, jun. be, and they are hereby, appointed, and empowered, to assist Col. *Joseph Nightingale*, in transporting the Cannon, Powder, Shot, &c. from *Fort-George* to *Providence*.

*C. Spooner & J. Tew, jun.* to assist in carrying the Cannon from *Fort-George*.



An ACT for establishing a Military Company, by the Name of the *Train of Artillery*, in the County of *Providence*.

Act establishing a military Company, by the Name of the *Train of Artillery* in the County of *Providence*.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, in Time of War, depends, under God, upon the military Skill and Discipline of its Inhabitants, and especially upon the skill and Discipline of Artillery Companies ; and whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence*, to wit : *Daniel Tillinghast*, *John Crane*, *Christopher Whipple*, *Elibu Robertson*, *Josbua Hacker*, *William Wheaton*, and *William Earl*, have offered themselves to begin, and with such others as are or shall be added to them, to form themselves into a Company, by the Name of the *Train of Artillery* in the County of *Providence* ; and by their humble Petition prayed this Assembly to grant them a Charter, with such Privileges, and under such Restrictions and Limitations, as this Assembly might think proper :

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WHEREFORE this Assembly, in Order to give all due Encouragement to so laudable a Design, have Ordained, Constituted, and Granted, and by these Presents do Ordain, Constitute, and Grant, That the Petitioners beforenamed, together with such others as shall be hereafter added to them (not exceeding the Number of One Hundred, exclusive of Officers) be, and they are hereby, declared a Company, by the Name of the *Train of Artillery* for the County of *Providence*, and by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have and enjoy all the Rights, Powers, and Privileges, in this Grant herein after mentioned.

IMPRIMIS, It is granted unto the said Company, that they, or the greater Number of them, shall, and may, once in every Year, that is to say, on the last Wednesday in *April*, meet and assemble themselves together in some convenient Place, by them appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit* : One Captain, One Captain-Lieutenant, One First Lieutenant, One Second Lieutenant, and One Lieutenant-Fire-Worker, and all other Officers necessary for training, disciplining, and well ordering of the said Company ; at which Election no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of the Votes then present ; all the aforementioned Officers to be approved of by the Governor and Council, for the Time being, and shall be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner that other Military Officers in this Colony are.

SECONDLY, That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet and exercise themselves upon such other Days, and as often as they shall think necessary, and that they shall be obliged to meet, for Exercising, at least Four Times in the Year, upon the Penalty of paying, to and for the Use of the said Company, the following Fines, *to wit* : The Captain, for each Day's Neglect, Three Pounds, lawful Money, the Captain-Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant, each, Two Pounds, lawful Money, the Second Lieutenant, and Lieutenant-Fire-Worker. each, One Pound, lawful Money, the  
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other Officers Twelve Shillings, each, lawful Money, and the Common Soldiers, each, Six Shillings, lawful Money, to be levied by Warrant of Distress, from the Captain, or Superior Officer, of said Company, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk thereof.

THIRDLY, That the said Company, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to mak such Rules and Orders, among themselves, as they shall think necessary to promote the End of the Establishment ; and to lay such Fines and Forfeitures upon any of their own Company for the Breach of any such Rules and Orders as they shall think proper, so as the same exceed not Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, for any Offence ; and also shall have full Power to levy the same, by a Warrant of Distress from the Captain, or Superior Officer of the said Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

FOURTHLY, That all those who shall be duly enlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing military Duty (Watching and Warding excepted) in the several Companies or trained Bands in whose District they respectively live.

FIFTHLY, That the commissioned Officers of the said Company, from Time to Time, shall be of the Court-Martial, and Council of War, in the Regiment in whose District they live.

SIXTHLY, That if any Officer or Officers of the said Company shall be disapproved by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said Town of *Providence*, or shall be taken away by Death, that then, in either of those Cases, the Captain of the said Company, or the Superior Officer thereof for the Time being, shall call the said Company together, as soon as conveniently may be, and choose another or others, in the Room of such Officer or Officers so disapproved, removed,

moved, or taken away by Death, in the same Manner as is herein before described and granted.

SEVENTHLY, And for the further Encouragement of said Company, it is further granted to said Company, that the Captain of said Company shall be of the Rank of a Lieutenant-Colonel, the Captain-Lieutenant of the Rank of a Major, the First Lieutenant of the Rank of a Captain, the Second Lieutenant of the Rank of a First Lieutenant, and the Lieutenant-Fire-Worker, of the Rank of an Ensign.

*PROVIDED nevertheless,* That in Case the Rules and Regulations, in this Charter contained, be not performed and complied with, then this Charter shall cease, determine, and be null and void.



*S. Downer* allowed 6s.

WHEREAS *Silas Downer*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for making fair Copies of the King's Order in Council, of the Secretary of State's Letter to this Colony, and of a Letter from the Speaker of the Lower House to *Thomas Cushing*, Esq. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Six Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Silas Downer*, out of the General Treasury.

Report of the Delegates from this Colony, at the Continental Congress, accepted; and the Proceedings of the Congress approved.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and the Honorable *Samuel Ward*, Esq; Delegates for this Colony in the Continental Congress, held at *Philadelphia*, in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, the Fifth Day of *September*, 1774, this Day made Report of the Proceedings and Resolutions of said Continental Congress, consisting of the Bill of Rights, List of Grievances, occasional Resolves, the Association, an Address to the People of *Great-Britain*, a Memorial to the Inhabitants of the *British American Colonies* an Address to the *Canadians*,

*Canadians, &c.* all which being read, and maturely considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted and approved.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Thanks of this Assembly be, and they are hereby, given to the said Delegates of this Colony, in particular, and to the Members of the said Continental Congress, in general, for the wise, spirited and faithful Discharge of the important Trust reposed in them.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is, recommended to the several Towns in this Colony, to choose Committees, agreeable to the Eleventh Article of the said Association, for the Purposes therein expressed.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send printed Copies of the said *Bill of Rights, List of Grievances, the Association, Addresses, and Memorial*, and also of this Vote, to each Member of both Houses of this Assembly, and to all such other Officers, within this Colony, as the Schedules are by Law transmitted to.

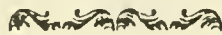
WHEREAS *Nathaniel Stoddard*, of *Little-Compton*, in the County of *Newport*, Trader, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That in the Fall of the Year 1773, he laid out every Shilling he was worth, in fitting out One Third Part of the Sloop *Sally*, on a Whaling Voyage : That the said Sloop, meeting with Success, had got on Board One Hundred and Twenty Barrels of Oil, by the latter End of *January* following : That the said Sloop being obliged, in a Gale of Wind, to come to an Anchor under *Hispaniola*, was seized by a *French* Frigate, carried into *Port-au-Prince*, and there, with her whole Cargo, condemned as lawful Prize ; by which Misfortune he hath totally lost upwards of One Thousand Dollars, being the whole of what he was worth, and had scraped together by unwearied Diligence and Industry : And that he is thereby deprived of all Means, of putting himself into any Business, to support a Wife and Seven Children : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant him a Lottery, for raising the Sum of Six Hun-

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dred Dollars, to help him forward in Business again ; and that the same be under the Direction of Messrs. *Nathaniel Searle, jun. Benjamin Richmond, John Wood, and Walter Wilbur :*

On Consideration whereof,

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Conditions and Restrictions ; provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby.



AN ACT establishing a Military Company, by the Name of the *Providence Fusiliers.*

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Fusiliers.*

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, in Time of War, depends, under God, upon the military Skill and Discipline of its Inhabitants : And whereas *Daniel Hitchcock, Benjamin Alger, Levi Hall, Samuel Hamlin, William White, Isaac Tuckerman, Martin Thurber, Gershom Jones, Peletiah Dewey, Benjamin Taylor, Asa Hopkins, Seth Lothrop, Ebenezer White, Elisha Brown, Stephen Stretcher, Recompence Healy, Josiah Gifford,* have offered themselves to begin, and with such others as are, or shall be, added to them, to form themselves into a Company, by the Name of the *Providence Fusiliers*, and by their Petition prayed this Assembly to grant them a Charter, with such Privileges, and under such Limitations, as this Assembly may think proper.

WHEREFORE this Assembly, in Order to give all due Encouragement to so laudable a Design, have Ordained, Constituted, and Granted, and, by these Presents, do Ordain, Constitute, and Grant, that they, the Petitioners before-named, together with such others as shall be hereafter added to them (not exceeding the Number of One Hundred, exclusive of Officers) be, and they are hereby, declared to be a Company, by the Name of the *Providence Fusiliers*, and by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have, and enjoy, all the Rights, Powers, and Privileges, in this Grant herein after-mentioned.

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FIRST, It is granted unto the said Company that they, or the greater Number of them, shall, and may, Once in every Year, that is to say, on the Third Monday of *April*, meet, and assemble themselves together, in some convenient Place by them appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit* : One Captain-Lieutenant, One Lieutenant, and One Ensign, and all other Officers necessary for Training, Disciplining, and well ordering of the said Company ; at which Election no Officer shall be chosen, but by the greater Number of Votes then present : All which said Officers shall be approved of by the Governor and Council, for the Time being and shall be commissioned and engaged, in the same Manner that other military Officers in this Colony are.

SECONDLY, That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet, and exercise themselves, upon such other Days, and as often as they shall think necessary ; and that they shall be obliged to meet, for Exercising, at least Four Times in a Year, upon the Penalty of paying, to and for the Use of the Company, the following Fines, *to wit* : The Captain-Lieutenant, for each Day's Neglect, Two Pounds, lawful Money, the Lieutenant, Thirty Shillings, lawful Money, and the Ensign, Twenty Shillings, lawful Money, the other Officers, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, and the Common Soldiers, each, Six Shillings, lawful Money, to be levied by the Major, hereafter to be appointed Commander of said Company, or the Superior Officer of the said Company, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

THIRDLY, That the said Company, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make such Rules and Orders, among themselves, as they shall think necessary to promote the End of the Establishment, and to lay such Fines and Forfeitures upon any of their own Company, for the Breach of any such Rules, and Orders, as they shall think proper ; so as the same exceed not Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, for any One Offence ; and also shall have full Power  
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to levy the same, by Warrant of Distress, from the Commanding Officer of said Company, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

FOURTHLY, That all those who shall be duly inlisted into the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing military Duty (Watching and Warding excepted) in the several Companies, or Trained Bands, in whose District they respectively live.

FIFTHLY, That the Commissioned Officers, of the said Company shall be, from Time to Time, of the Court-Martial, and Council of War, in the Regiment in whose District they live.

SIXTHLY, If any Officer, or Officers, of the said Company shall be disapproved of by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said Town of *Providence*, or shall be taken away by Death, that then, and in either of those Cases, the Major to be appointed, as aforesaid, Commander thereof, or the Superior Officer thereof, for the Time being, shall call the said Company together, as soon as conveniently may be, and chuse another, or others, in the Room of such Officer or Officers, so disapproved, removed, or taken away by Death, in the same Manner as is herein before described and granted.

SEVENTHLY, And for the Encouragement of the said Company, *It is hereby further Granted*, That the aforesaid Company shall be under the particular Command of the present Major of the First Battalion in the County of *Providence*. And in Case of his being hereafter advanced in Command, that the aforesaid Company shall still continue to belong to, and be under his Command, and be advanced with him to that Place and Station in the Regiment, which Companies, commanded by Officers of that Rank to which he may be advanced by the Rules of War, are entitled to take, subject however to the present Requisitions of the Colony Law. And in Case the present Major of the First Battalion shall

shall be taken away by Death, or otherwise removed, that then the said Company shall be empowered to choose a Commander thereof, who shall be of that Rank which the aforesaid Commander shall be of, at the Time of his Death or Removal, and, being approved of by the Governor and Council, shall be commissioned accordingly.

*PROVIDED* always, and the foregoing Grant is on this Condition, that if the aforesaid Company shall, for the Space of One Year, neglect to Train, and exercise themselves, that then the foregoing Charter shall be void and forfeit.

*AND it is Ordered*, That the Secretary make out a fair Copy of this Charter, under the Colony Seal, and transmit the same to the said Company.



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Captain of the Company, called the *Train of Artillery*, for the County of *Providence*, be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed, to purchase at the Expence, and for the Use, of the Colony, Four Brass Cannon, Four Pounders, with Carriages, Implements, and Utensils, necessary for exercising them; And that they be lent to the said Company, to improve them in the Exercise of Cannon, until further Orders from this Assembly.

Four Brass  
Cannon to  
be purchased  
for the Use of  
the Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and the Hon. *Samuel Ward*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, chosen and appointed Delegates to represent this Colony, at the Continental Congress, to be holden at *Philadelphia*, on the Tenth Day of *May*, 1775.

Delegates  
appointed to  
represent this  
Colony in  
General  
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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Marchant*, Esq; *Mr. Joseph Brown*, and *William Ellery*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed, a Committee to draw up Instructions to be given to the Delegates, appointed to

Committee  
to prepare  
Instructions  
for the Dele-  
gates of this  
Colony.

to represent this Colony in General Congress ; and lay the same before this Assembly.

Officers appointed for the Providence Grenadier Company.

WHEREAS the *Providence Grenadier Company*, at a legal Meeting, held at *Providence*, on the 7th Day of *November* last, elected *Ezekiel Burr*, the Second Lieutenant, and *Simeon Thayer*, the Ensign, of the said Company ; and prayed the Governor and Council to approve their said Choice : And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, by the Governor and Council, That the said Officers be, and they are hereby, approved.

*S. Hopkins* allowed £. 73 18 11.

WHEREAS the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; One of the Delegates of this Colony, in the Continental Congress, on the 5th Day of *September* last, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Expences on his Journey to *Philadelphia*, during his Residence there, and on his Return home, &c. amounting to Sixty-one Pounds, and Eleven Pence, lawful Money ; and also prayed an Allowance for Eighty-one Days spent in the said Service, with a Servant, Two Horses, and a Carriage : And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed ; that Seventy-two Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be also allowed for his above-mentioned Service, and for his Servant, Horses and Carriage : And that One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Eleven Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount of the said Two Sums, be paid the said *Stephen Hopkins*, out of the General Treasury, deducting therefrom Sixty Pounds, lawful Money, already received by him, as One of the Delegates from this Colony, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Ward* allowed £. 54 9 1.

WHEREAS the Hon. *Samuel Ward*, Esq; One of the Delegates from this Colony in the Continental Congress, held at *Philadelphia*, on the Fifth Day of *September* last, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Expences on

on his Journey to *Philadelphia*, during his Residence there, and on his Return Home, &c. amounting to Forty-nine Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and One Penny, lawful Money ; and also prayed an Allowance for Seventy-two Days, by him spent in the said Service, with a Servant and Two Horses : And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed ; that Sixty-four Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, be also allowed for his above-mentioned Service, and for his Servant and Horses : And that One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, Nine Shillings and One Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount of the said Two Sums, be paid the said *Samuel Ward*, out of the General Treasury, deducting therefrom Sixty Pounds, lawful Money, already received by him, as One of the Delegates from this Colony, out of the General Treasury.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Read*, Mr. *John Jenckes*, and *Simeon Potter*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to purchase, as soon as may be, at the Expence and for the Use of the Colony, Three Hundred Half Barrels of Pistol Powder, each to contain Fifty Weight, Three Tons of Lead, and Forty Thousand Flints, to be deposited in such Place or Places as the Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor of this Colony, shall direct, and to be delivered to the several Colonels of the Militia, and the Colonels of the Independent Companies in this Colony, so that each Soldier, equipped with Arms, according to Law, may be supplied with such Quantities thereof, as by Law is directed, he or they paying for the same at the prime Cost given by the Colony : That the Remainder thereof be distributed as Occasion may require : That the said *Darius Sessions* be appointed, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, to have the Care of the said Magazine ; and to deliver the Powder, Lead, and Flints, as herein directed, he taking Receipts for what may be delivered out : And that the said Committee be, and they are hereby, empowered to draw on the General Treasury, for such Sums of Money as may be necessary

Committee  
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necessary for the Purpose aforesaid. And in Case of a Deficiency in the General Treasury, the General Treasurer is hereby directed and empowered to hire a sufficient Sum of Money for the said Purpose, and to give his Note or Notes therefor, with Interest, in Behalf of the Colony.

*AND it is futher Voted and Resolved*, That there be no Firing of Cannon upon any public Occasion, or of Small-Arms, especially by the Militia or incorporated Companies, on Days of Exercising, excepting only for perfecting themselves as Marksmen, under the immediate Direction of the Commanding Officer for the Day : And that it be, and hereby is, recommended to all the Inhabitants of this Colony, that they expend no Gun-Powder for mere Sport and Diversion, or in Pursuit of Game.

Instructions  
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pointed to re-  
present this  
Colony, in  
the General  
Congress.

WHEREAS the American Continental Congress, held in the City of *Philadelphia*, on the Fifth Day of *September* last, recommended to the several Colonies to choose Deputies, as soon as possible, to attend a General Congress to be holden on the Tenth Day of *May* next, in the said City of *Philadelphia*, unless the Redress of *American* Grievances be obtained before that Time : And whereas this Assembly, having the greatest Regard to the Recommendation aforesaid, and being determined to co-operate with the other Colonies in every proper Measure for obtaining a Redress of the Grievances, and establishing the Rights and Liberties of all the Colonies upon an equitable and permanent Foundation, have unanimously chosen, and appointed the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and the Honorable *Samuel Ward*, Esq; Delegates to represent this Colony : *It is therefore unanimously Voted and Resolved*,

FIRST, That the said *Stephen Hopkins*, and *Samuel Ward*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, fully authorized and empowered to represent this Colony in a General Congress of Delegates, or Representatives, of the several Colonies, to be holden at the Time and Place above-mentioned,



bovementioned, or at such other Time and Place as shall be agreed upon by the major Part of the Committees from the several Colonies.

SECOND, That they be, and hereby are, fully authorized and empowered to consult and advise with the Representatives of the other Colonies, and, in Conjunction with them, or the major Part of them, to enter into, and adopt, in Behalf of this Colony, all reasonable, lawful, and proper Measures for the Support, Defence, Protection, and Security of the Rights, Liberties, and Privileges, both civil and religious, of all the said Colonies, or any of them.

THIRD, That they be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to adjourn, from Time to Time, and at any Time, within the Space of One Year, to be computed from the said Tenth Day of *May* next, and at any Place which they shall think proper.

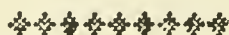
FOURTH, That they be, and hereby are, directed to endeavour to procure a regular annual Convention of Delegates, or Representatives, from all the Colonies, to be holden at such Time, and Place, as shall be by the Delegates agreed upon, for the Promotion and Establishment of the Peace, Welfare, and Security of the said Colonies.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Fire-Arms in *Newport*, belonging to the Colony, be distributed among the several Counties which have not yet received their Share of the same, in Proportion to the Rate paid by each County : That they be delivered to the Colonel of the Regiment of each respective County, he giving his Receipt therefor, who is hereby directed to deliver to each Town in the County, its Proportion of the same, taking Security of each Town therefor : That the said Guns, before they are delivered to the several Colonels, be branded with the Colony Arms upon the Breech : That Mr. *Thomas Freebody* be, and he is hereby, appointed to deliver the said Arms to the several

Fire-Arms in  
*Newport* to  
be distributed  
to the several  
Counties.

Colonels : And that all Expences which have arisen, or may arise, in Consequence of their being removed from *Newport*, be paid by the respective Towns.

AND whereas the County of *Providence* hath already received its Part of the said Fire-Arms, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That each Town in the said County shall receive its Proportion of the said Fire-Arms, in Manner as above-mentioned ; each Town paying its Proportion of the Charge which hath accrued by cleaning them.



Act establishing a Military Company by the Name of the *North-Providence Rangers*.

AN ACT incorporating a Military Company, by the Name of the *North-Providence Rangers*.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted*, at the Request of the Company now associated and enlisted from the Company of Militia in *North-Providence*, and the Eastermost Company of Militia in *Smithfield*, under the Command of *Joseph Olney*, as Captain, *John Angell*, (Son of *Stephen*) as Lieutenant, and *Joseph Randall*, as Ensign, together with such others as may enlist with them, not exceeding Sixty-four Men, Rank and File, be, and they are hereby, incorporated into a separate and distinct military Company, to be known by the Name of the *North-Providence Rangers*, to be led and commanded by One Captain, One Lieutenant, and One Ensign, together with such subalterns as the said Company shall appoint : That the said Company shall choose the said commissioned Officers, on the First Monday in *May*, annually : And that the Clerk of the said Company shall return the Names of the Persons so chosen to the General Assembly for Approbation ; who, being approved, shall be commissioned as other such military Officers are.

AND

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Company shall have Power, and they are hereby empowered, to make such By-Laws for the better regulating and disciplining the same, from Time to Time, as they shall find necessary ; provided that they make no Law, Regulation or Order, but what shall be consistent with the Laws of this Colony, at all Times, respecting Militia Companies.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Company shall be at all Times under the Field-Officers of the First Battalion of the Brigade in the County of Providence, and take such Rank as they shall appoint on all general Muster-Days.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, at the Request of the said Company, That the said Joseph Olney be appointed the present Captain, the said John Angell (Son of Stephen) the present Lieutenant, and the said Joseph Randall the present Ensign of the said Company : And that they, and their Successors in the said Offices, be at all Times empowered to enlist Men sufficient to complete their full Complement of Sixty-four Men, Rank and File, out of the Town of North-Providence, and the Eastermost Company of the Town of Smithfield.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons hereby incorporated, whilst they belong to, and do Duty in, the said Company of North-Providence Rangers, shall be exempt from doing Duty in any other Militia Company whatever.*

*PROVIDED, nevertheless, and be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That, in Case the Rules and Regulations, in this Charter mentioned and contained, shall not be performed and complied with by the said Company, then this Charter shall cease, determine, and be null and void.*



*G. Peirce appointed to inquire into the Facts set forth in P. Tillingbass's Petition.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of Mr. *Pardon Tillingbass*, setting forth, that he purchased a Tract of Land, in *Exeter*, formerly belonging to *William Tanner*, which was mortgaged to the Colony, and that several Sums of Money, due thereon, have been twice paid, be referred to the next Session: That *George Peirce*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed to inquire into the Facts, set forth in the said Petition; and that he make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*D. Tillingbass to see the Cannon from Fort George landed.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Cannon now brought from *Fort-George*, to *Providence*, be landed on Col. *Nightingale's* Wharf, under the Inspection of Mr. *Daniel Tillingbass*.

*General Treasurer to give his Notes for the Old-Tenor Bills recovered by the Executors of T. Freebody, of J. Whipple, &c.*

WHEREAS, by a late Decree of His Majesty in Council, a certain Sum of the Old-Tenor Bills, of this Colony, was ordered to be paid by the Assignees of the Estate of *Joseph Whipple*, late of *Newport*, Esq; deceased, to *Thomas Freebody* and others, Executors of the last Will and Testament of *John Freebody*, late of *Newport* aforesaid, Merchant, deceased: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to give his Notes, in Behalf of the Colony, for the same, to the Holders of the said Old-Tenor Bills, in like Manner as he hath done for the Old-Tenor Bills already called in: That *John Collins*, *Metcalf Bowler*, and *George Hazard*, Esqrs. with the General Treasurer, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to burn the said Old-Tenor Bills, and all such other Old-Tenor Bills, as are now in the General Treasury; and that they make Report of their Doings to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to give his Notes for the Interest upon the Old-Tenor Bills, so ordered to be paid to the Executors of the said *John Freebody*, to *Jableel Brenton* and others, Executors of the last Will and Testament of

of *Jahkel Brenton*, late of *Newport*, Esq; deceased in like Manner as hath been allowed to other Persons, who have already delivered Old-Tenor Bills into the General Treafury for Redemption.

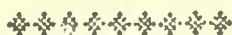
WHEREAS the following Return of the Choice of Officers, for the Artillery-Company in *Providence*, was made to the Governor and Council, *to wit* : Officers for the Artillery Company in Providence.

*Daniel Tillinghast*, Captain,  
*John Crane*, Captain-Lieutenant,  
*Christopher Whipple*, First-Lieutenant,  
*Elibu Robinson*, Second-Lieutenant,  
*Joshua Hacker*, Lieutenant-Fire-Worker.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, by the Governor and Council, That the said Choice be, and hereby is, approved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Greene*, Esq; and Mr. *Nathaniel Greene*, jun. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to inquire into the Circumstances of the Affair which caused the *Cadet Company*, and the Company of *Light-Infantry*, to march from *Providence* to the Town of *East-Greenwich*, and into the Charges which arose thereon : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session. Committee to inquire into the late Disturbance in East-Greenwich.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Expences of sending an Express to *Bristol*, to adjourn the Superior Court, which was to have been held there on the Second Monday in *October* last : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Metcalf Bowler*, out of the General Treafury. M. Bowler allowed 12s.





Major General to be appointed.

An ACT for appointing a MAJOR-GENERAL of the Forces of this Colony, annually.

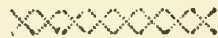
*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority aforesaid, It is Enacted, That a Major-General of the Colony's Forces be annually appointed, by the Governor and Company, and be commissioned accordingly.*

S. Potter appointed Major-General.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Simeon Potter, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed Major-General of the Colony's Forces.*

Clerk of the Inferior Court of Providence to purchase a Book of Records.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Caleb Greene, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Providence, be, and he is hereby, empowered to purchase, at the Expence of the Colony, a Book for recording the Judgments of the said Court : And that he draw Money out of the General Treasury to pay for the same, and lay his Account before this Assembly, at the next Session.*



An ACT in addition to, and amendment of, an Act entitled "An Act regulating the Militia of this Colony.

Act in Addition to the Act regulating the Militia of this Colony.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That for the future each enlisted Soldier, who shall not be provided with a sufficient Gun or Fuzee, as directed in the said Act, shall be fined Two Shillings, lawful Money, for each deficiency : And also that every Soldier be provided with a good Bayonet fixed on his Gun, upon the Penalty of Four Pence, lawful Money, for each default.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*

*said*, That the Captain, or, in his Absence, the next Superior Officer of the respective Company, shall warn and call together the Company under his Command One Day in every Month, and exercise the same in martial Discipline, according to the mode established by his present Majesty, in the Year 1764 : That the First Warning be by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Officer, issued within Ten Days before such Training or Exercising : And that all succeeding Warnings be given verbally by the Commanding Officer for the Day, at the head of the Company, while under Arms. *Provided, nevertheless*, That in the Towns of *Providence* and *Bristol*, the Captain, or other Commanding Officer, may Warn their Companies by Beat of Drum, as in the said Act is permitted in the Town of *Newport*.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That within Ten Days after each Penalty shall be incurred, the Captain, or other superior Officer, shall issue his Warrant therefor, returnable to himself within Twenty Days : And that Twelve and an Half per Cent. only be allowed for collecting such Fines.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Fines of all those who, being exempted from appearing on the Days of Training, are notwithstanding, obliged to be provided with Arms and other Accoutrements, shall be the same for every deficiency as the Fines of the enlisted Soldiers : And that the examination and survey, appointed by the said Act, shall be made by the Sergeants of the Company in whose district they live, by Warrant from the Captain, on the First Monday in *February*, and on the last Monday in *April*.

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Town-Officer shall be exempted from doing military Duty, as an enlisted Soldier, excepting the Members of the Town-Council, the Town-Treasurer, the Town-Clerk, and the Town-Sergeant.

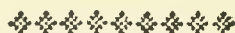
*AND*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority afore-said, That there be a general Muster and Review of each Regiment, or Battalion, twice in every Year, to wit : On the First Monday in April, and on the First Monday in October : And that there be a general Muster and Review of Brigade once in Two Years.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority afore-said, That the Captain-General, Lieutenant-General, and Major-General, or any Two of them, be, and they are hereby, fully authorized and empowered to direct a and order when, and in what Manner, the Forces within this Colony shall march to the assistance of any of our Sister Colonies, when invaded or attacked ; and also in what Manner the said Forces shall be provided and supplied : And also to direct make Use of the Cannon belonging to the Colony, either in or out of the Colony, as they may deem expedient.*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority afore-said, That the said Forces, whenever they shall be called out of the Colony, shall be under the immediate Command and Direction of the Major-General*

*AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority afore-said, That the Secretary forthwith cause this Act to be published in the Newport Mercury and Providence Gazette.*



*T. Lindsey allowed £. 5. 8 o.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Lindsey* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for carrying in his Boat, to *New-Shoreham*, the Committee appointed to inspect the Harbour there : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Five Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful Money, thereof, be allowed, and paid, the said *Thomas Lindsey*, out of the General Treasury.

Outstanding  
Old-Tenor  
Bills to be re-  
deemed.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that the Town-Treasurer of *West-Greenwich* hath in his Hands

Hands a Sum of the Old-Tenor Bills, which, through mere Inadvertency, he hath omitted returning into the General Treasury : And whereas other Town-Treasurers, as well as private Individuals, may have made the same Omission ; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer at any Time before the Fifth Day of *May* next, be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive into the General Treasury any Sums of the said Old-Tenor Bills, and to give his Notes therefor in Behalf of the Colony.

WHEREAS *Preserved Pearce*, and *William Greene*, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly a List and State of the Judgments in Favour of the Colony, in the County of *Kent*, which remain unsatisfied, together with the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

Report of *P. Pearce* and *W. Greene*, who are allowed £. 5 4 0.

WE the Subscribers having been appointed, by the Honorable General Assembly, at their Session in *May* last, and since continued, a Committee to make Inquiry at the several Clerks Offices in the County of *Kent*, and report who stand indebted to the Colony, either by Mortgage-Deeds, Bonds, outstanding Judgments, or Executions thereon, do report, That, in Obedience to the said Appointment, we have examined the several Clerks Offices, and cited several Persons before us, in order to gain the best Information we could ; and that the foregoing List is a true State of the several Sums of Money due, from the Persons therein named, to the Colony, as we have been able to collect. All which is submitted, by

*Preserved Pearce,*  
*William Greene.*

THE Colony of *Rhode-Island* Dr. to *P. Pearce* and *W. Greene*,

For our Time in transacting the above

Business, 8 Days each, at 6s.

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AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted That the said Account be allowed ; and that Five Pounds, Four Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Preserved Pearce* and *William Greene*, out of the General Treasury.

Lottery  
granted 7.  
*Hopkins.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Jeremiah Hopkins*, of *Coventry*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he sufficiently understands the Business of a Gunsmith, so as to make Guns, or Small-Arms, with Advantage to himself, and to others by whom Guns are much wanted, at this Time when they cannot be imported from Great-Britain ; but that he is unable to furnish himself with such Works, Tools, and Instruments, as are necessary for carrying on the said Business : And thereupon the said *Jeremiah Hopkins* prayed this Assembly to grant him the Benefit of a Lottery, for raising the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars, to be appropriated, and applied, towards procuring said Works, Tools, and Instruments, and for no other Purpose ; and to appoint *Christopher Lippit*, of *Cranston*, *Jeremiah Olney*, and *George Dorrance, jun.* of *Scituate*, and *John Stewart*, of *Voluntown*, Managers and Directors of the said Lottery :

On Consideration whereof,

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be, and hereby is, granted, under the usual Conditions and Restrictions ; provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony thereby.

G. Lawton al-  
lowed £. 1  
o 10.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Prison-Fees of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound, and Ten Pence, lawful Money,



key, thereof, be allowed, and paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Sheldon*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Prison-Fees of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Seven Pounds, Five Shillings and Eight Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Edward Sheldon*, out of the General Treasury.

*E. Sheldon* allowed £. 7 5 8.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Persons be, and they are hereby, chosen and appointed to command the Trained Bands, or Companies of Militia, in the Town of *Tiverton*, to wit :

Militia Officers *Tiverton*.

First Company :	Second Company :
<i>John Cooke</i> , (Son of <i>Samuel</i> )	<i>Daniel Dwelly</i> , Captain,
(Captain,	<i>Gideon Durfee</i> , Lieut.
<i>Philip Corey</i> , Lieutenant,	<i>John Stafford</i> , Ensign.
<i>Philip Gray</i> , Ensign.	

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Jeremiah Davis* be, and he is hereby, chosen and appointed Lieutenant of the Fourth Trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *Scituate*, in the Room *John Colwell*, jun. who is advanced ; and *Isaac Hopkins*, Ensign of the said Company, in the Room of the said *Jeremiah Davis*.

Militia Officers *Scituate*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nathan Gorton* be, and he is hereby, chosen and appointed Lieutenant of the Third Trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *Warwick*.

*N. Gorton*  
Lieut. 3d  
Company  
*Warwick*.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Compton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present

*W. Compton*  
allowed £. 1 1 0.

present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, One Shilling, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Compton*, out of the General Treasury.

*D. Branch* allowed £.1 1. WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, One Shilling, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Pullen* allowed £.1 1. WHEREAS Mr. *William Pullen* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, One Shilling, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Pullen*, out of the General Treasury.

Committees continued. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Committees, who have not reported, be, and they are, continued ; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and hereby is, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs, in this Colony, by them to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned unto the First Tuesday in *May* next, unless the Necessity of the Case may require

require that this Assembly be called sooner ; and then his Honor the Governor is hereby requested to call the same, at such Time as he, together with as many of the Council and Representatives as shall be present, shall think fit.

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*Henry Ward*











At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Governor) at *Providence*, within and for the said Colony, on *Saturday*, the Twenty-second Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, and Fifteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of *G O D*, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,  
The Honorable

*Joseph Wanton, Esq;*

G O V E R N O R.  
The Honorable

*Darius Sessions, Esq;* Deputy-Governor.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;  
PELEG BARKER, Esq;  
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;  
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;  
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;  
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;  
WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.  
DEPUTIES

## D E P U T I E S from the several T O W N S.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

N E W P O R T :	Mr. Jesse Champlin.
Thomas Cranston, <i>Esq;</i>	WEST-GREENWICH :
Mr. John Wanton ( <i>Son of Gi-</i>	Benjamin Tillinghast, <i>Esq;</i>
George Hazard, <i>Esq;</i> [ <i>deon</i> )]	Thomas Gorton, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. John Bours,	COVENTRY :
Mr. John Read	Mr. Nathaniel Greene, <i>jun.</i>
Mr. Thomas Freebody.	EXETER :
PROVIDENCE :	George Pierce, <i>Esq;</i>
Stephen Hopkins, <i>Esq;</i>	MIDDLETOWN :
Mr. John Jenckes,	Mr. James Potter,
Mr. John Smith,	Mr. Isaac Smith.
Col. John Mathewson.	BRISTOL :
PORTSMOUTH :	Major General Simeon Potter;
Mr. Thomas Brownell.	William Bradford, <i>Esq;</i>
WARWICK :	TIVERTON :
William Greene, <i>Esq;</i>	Capt. John Cooke.
Stephen Arnold, <i>Esq;</i>	LITTLE-COMPTON :
Mr. John Low.	Thomas Church, <i>Esq;</i>
WESTERLY :	Mr. George Wood.
Joshua Babcock, <i>Esq;</i>	WARREN :
NEW-SHOREHAM :	Mr. Nathan Miller.
None.	CUMBERLAND :
NORTH-KINGSTOWN :	John Dexter, <i>Esq;</i>
Peter Phillips, <i>Esq;</i>	Nathaniel Shepperdson, <i>Esq;</i>
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :	RICHMOND :
John Potter, <i>Esq;</i>	George Webb, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Carder Hazard.	Mr. Richard Bailey, <i>jun.</i>
EAST-GREENWICH :	CRANSTON :
Preserved Pearce, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Joseph Rhodes,
William Pierce, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Peter Burlingame.
JAMESTOWN :	HOPKINTON :
None.	Capt. Abel Tanner,
SMITHFIELD :	Mr. Jesse Maxson.
Mr. Israel Wilkinfon.	JOHNSTON :
SCITUATE :	Mr. Joshua Greene.
Ezekiel Cornell, <i>Esq;</i>	NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
Mr. Rufus Hopkins.	Mr. Joseph Olney,
GLOUCESTER :	Major Thomas Olney;
Silas Williams, <i>Esq;</i>	BARRINGTON :
Col. Chad Brown.	Col. Nathaniel Martin.
CHARLESTOWN :	Mr. Thomas Allen.
Sylvestre Robinson, <i>Esq;</i>	

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower-House

**I***T is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, and *William Greene*, and *Joshua Babcock*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to proportion to the several Towns in this Colony Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds of the Powder, and One Quarter Part of the Lead, Bullets and Flints, belonging to the Colony; and that the following Persons be, and hereby are, appointed to procure and receive each Town's Proportion thereof, to wit: Mr. *Thomas Freebody* for the Town of *Newport*, Col. *John Mathewson* for *Providence*, *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; for *Portsmouth*, Mr. *Samuel Tillinghast* for *Warwick*, Mr. *David Maxson* for *Westerly*, the Town-Treasurer of *New-Shoreham* for that Town, Mr. *Benjamin Davis* for *North-Kingstown*, *William Potter*, Esq; for *South-Kingstown*, Mr. *Gideon Mumford* for *East-Greenwich*, the Town-Treasurer of *Jamestown* for that Town, Mr. *Arnold Pain* for *Smithfield*, Col. *Ezekiel Cornell* for *Scituate*, *Jonab Steere*, Esq; for *Gloucester*, Mr. *Joseph Hoxsie* for *Charlestown*, Mr. *Nathaniel Brown* for *West-Greenwich*, Mr. *James Waterman* for *Coventry*, *John Chapman*, Esq; for *Exeter*, Mr. *John Barker* for *Middletown*, Mr. *John Howland* for *Bristol*, Capt. *John Cooke* for *Tiverton*, Mr. *George Wood* for *Little-Compton*, Mr. *Shubael Burr* for *Warren*, Mr. *John Dexter* for *Cumberland*, *George Webb*, Esq; for *Richmond*, Mr. *Peter Burlingame* (the Third) for *Cranston*, Mr. *Jesse Maxson* for *Hopkinton*, *Edward Fenner*, Esq; for *Johnston*, Mr. *Joseph Olney* for *North-Providence*, and Mr. *Thomas Allen* for *Barrington*.

Part of the warlike Stores belonging to the Colony divided among the Towns.

WHEREAS the Company of the Train of Artillery, and the Company of Fuzileers, and other Inhabirants of the Town of *Providence*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, praying that the Charter, with the said Petition presented, for uniting the said Companies into one, may be granted; that *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; may be appointed Colonel, *Daniel Hitchcock*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, *John Crane*, Esq; Major, and *Levi Hall* Captain of the said united Company; and that *Forty Pounds* Lawful Money may be granted to the said Company, for furnishing Pioneers, to draw the Cannon, or Field Pieces: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby

Petition for uniting the Train of Artillery, and Company of Fuzileers, in *Providence*, into one Company.

hereby is, granted ; and that the Sum of *Forty Pounds*, therein mentioned, be paid out of the General Treasury to, and be under the Direction of, the Officers of the said Company.

The following is the Charter presented with the said Petition.

An A C T for establishing a military Company, by the Name of *The United Company of the Train of Artillery in the Town of Providence*.

Charter to the United Company of the Train of Artillery in the Town of Providence.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, in Time of War, depends, under God, upon the military Skill and Discipline of its Inhabitants : And whereas the Train of Artillery, and the Company of Fuzileers, in the Town of *Providence*, have amicably agreed, for the public Good, to unite themselves into one Company, by the Name of *The United Company of the Train of Artillery in the Town of Providence*, and, by their humble Petition, prayed this Assembly to grant them a Charter, with such Privileges, and under such Restrictions and Limitations, as this Assembly might think proper :

WHEREFORE this Assembly, in order to give all due Encouragement to so laudable a Design, and to so noble a Disposition in the aforesaid Companies, have Ordained, Constituted and Granted, and by these Presents do Ordain, Constitute and Grant, That *Daniel Tillinghast, Daniel Hitchcock, John Crane, Levi Hall, Elibu Robinson, Jotham Drury, Ebenezer Stevens, Daniel Stillwell, Josiah Gifford, George Bacon, Robert Newel, Elkanah Watson, Pelatiah Dewey, William White, John Chandler, John May, and Benjamin Whipple*, with other Members of the aforesaid Companies, and also with such others as shall hereafter be added to them, not exceeding the Number of One Hundred Men, exclusive of Officers, be, and they are hereby declared to be, a Company, by the Name of *The United Company of the Train of Artillery in the Town of Providence* : And by that Name they shall have



have perpetual Succession, and shall have and enjoy all the Rights, Powers and Privileges, in this Grant herein after mentioned.

IMPRIMIS. It is granted unto the said Company, That they, or the greater Number of them, shall and may, once in every Year, that is to say, on the last *Monday* in *April*, meet and assemble themselves together, in some convenient Place by them appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit* : One Colonel, One Lieutenant-Colonel, One Major, One Captain, One First-Lieutenant, Two Bombardiers (who shall be of the Rank of Second-Lieutenants) One Clerk, and Four Serjeants and Four Gunners (who shall be of the Rank of Ensigns) and Four Corporals (who shall be of the Rank of Serjeants) and all other Officers necessary for the training, disciplining and well-ordering of the said Company. At which Election no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Votes then present : The first Five Officers whereof shall be approved by the Governor and Council for the Time being, and shall be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner that other military Officers in this Colony are.

SECONDLY. That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet and exercise themselves upon such other Days, and as often, as they shall think necessary : And that they shall be obliged to meet for exercising at least Four Times in the Year, upon the Penalty of paying, to and for the Use of the said Company, the following Fines, *to wit* : The first Five Officers *Two Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money each, the Two Bombardiers *Thirty Shillings* each, the Four Serjeants and Four Gunners *Twenty Shillings* each, and the Four Corporals *Ten Shillings* each ; to be levied by Warrant of Distress from the Colonel, or other superior Officer of said Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

THIRDLY. That the said Company, or greater Part of them, shall have Power to make such Rules and Orders among themselves as they shall think necessary to promote the End of the Establishment, and to lay such

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Fines and Forfeitures upon any of their own Company, for the Breach of any such Rules and Orders, as they shall think proper, so as the same exceed not *Twelve Shillings* for any one Offence; and also shall have full Power to levy the same, by Warrant of Distress from the Colonel, or superior Officer of the said Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

FOURTHLY. That all those who shall be duly enlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing military Duty (Watching and Warding excepted) in the several Companies, or Trained Bands, in whose District they respectively live.

FIFTHLY. That the commissioned Officers, together with the Bombardiers, Serjeants and Gunners, shall be of the Court-Martial in the Regiment in whose District they respectively live.

SIXTHLY. That if any of the first Five commissioned Officers aforesaid shall be disapproved of by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said Town of *Providence*, or shall be taken away by Death, that then, in either of those Cases, the Colonel of said Company, or the superior Officer thereof for the Time being, shall call the said Company together, as soon as conveniently may be, and choose another, or others, in the Room of such Officer or Officers so disapproved, removed, or taken away by Death, in the same Manner as is herein before described.

SEVENTHLY. And for the further Encouragement of the said Company, *It is further Granted*, That the aforesaid Company shall be under the Command of no one but the General and Lieutenant-General of this Colony, or in Time of Battle under him who commands the Forces then engaged; and shall enjoy and have every Right, Privilege and Immunity, granted to the Companies of Cadets and Light-Infantry in the Town of *Providence*: And that the Officers of the said Company shall also be of that Rank in the Army which respectively belongs to the Titles already before granted to them.

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EIGHTHLY. *And it is further Granted,* That the Colonel of said Company shall be fully impowered to grant Warrants or Commissions, under his Hand and Seal, to all Officers who shall be duly elected by said Company under the Rank of First-Lieutenant thereof.



WHEREAS the Committee appointed to proportion the Powder, &c. to the several Towns, reported the following Proportion to each Town, *to wit* :

	lb.	lb.			Report of the Committee appointed to proportion the Powder, &c. to the se- veral Towns:
Newport,	389	Powder, 623	Lead 2492	Flints:	
Providence,	148	237		948	
Warwick,	119	190		760	
Portsmouth,	115	184		738	
Westerly,	69	110		440	
New-Shoreham,	31	49		196	
North-Kingstown,	120	180		480	
South-Kingstown,	227	372		1488	
East-Greenwich,	59	95		380	
Jamestown,	50	80		320	
Smithfield,	121	194		776	
Scituate,	90	143		572	
Gloucester,	77	123		492	
Charlestown,	57	91		370	
West-Greenwich,	42	67		268	
Coventry,	56	90		360	
Exeter,	60	97		388	
Middletown,	81	130		520	
Bristol,	68	108		422	
Tiverton,	89	142		568	
Little-Compton,	78	125		500	
Warren,	24	38		152	
Cumberland,	44	71		284	
Richmond,	44	71		284	
Cranston,	83	132		528	
Hopkinton,	58	93		372	
Johnston,	34	54		216	
North-Providence,	29	47		188	
Barrington,	26	42		168	

AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

Day of Fast- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Eleventh Day of  
ing appoint- *May* next be set apart as a Day of Fasting, Prayer and  
ed. Humiliation : And that his Honor the Governor be,  
and he is hereby, requested to issue a Proclamation ac-  
cordingly.

Committee to *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Ambrose Page*,  
audit the Ac- Col. *John Mathewson*, and Mr. *John Brown*, be, and  
counts of C. they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed  
Whipple. a Committee to audit the Accounts of Capt. *Christopher*  
*Whipple* with the Colony : And that they make Report  
to this Assembly, at the present or the next Session.

Committee *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *Sa-*  
to consult the muel *Ward*, Esq; and *William Bradford*, Esq; be, and they  
General As- are hereby appointed, a Committee, to wait on the Ge-  
sembly of neral Assembly of the Colony of *Connecticut*, to consult  
Connecticut. with them upon Measures for the common Defence of  
the Four *New-England* Colonies : And that they make  
Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *James Angell*,  
have the Care Col. *John Mathewson*, and Col. *Joseph Nightingale*, be,  
of the Can- and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby ap-  
non, &c. pointed, a Committee, to take the Care and have the  
Direction of all the Cannon, Powder, and all other  
warlike Stores, in the Magazine at *Providence* ; and to  
deliver the same out, agreeable to the Orders of the  
General Assembly.

Powder, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Trustees appoint-  
to be distri- ed in the several Towns to receive the Powder, Lead and  
buted to the Flints, be, and they are hereby authorized, to deliver  
several Com- the same out to the Captain or Commanding Officer of  
panies. each Company, in their respective Towns, taking Re-  
ceipts for the Quantities so delivered : And that the  
Captain or Commanding Officer of each Company di-  
stribute the same amongst the Soldiery, as Occasion may  
require, he keeping a regular Account thereof, and  
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holding his Company accountable for all such Quantities as are not consumed in the Government's Service; which shall not be accounted for in Value, but in the Articles themselves.

AT this very dangerous Crisis of *American Affairs*; And for raising 1500 Men. at a Time when we are surrounded with Fleets and Armies, which threaten our immediate Destruction; at a Time when the Fears and Anxieties of the People throw them into the utmost Distress, and totally prevent them from attending the common Occupations of Life; to prevent the mischievous Consequences that must necessarily attend such a disordered State, and to restore Peace to the Minds of the good People of this Colony, it appears absolutely necessary to this Assembly, that a Number of Men be raised and embodied, properly armed and disciplined, to continue in this Colony as an Army of Observation, to repel any Insult or Violence that may be offered to the Inhabitants; and also, if it be necessary for the Safety and Preservation of any of the Colonies, to march out of this Colony, and join and co-operate with the Forces of the neighbouring Colonies: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Fifteen Hundred Men be enlisted, raised and embodied, as aforesaid, with all the Expedition and Dispatch that the Nature of the Thing will admit of.

WE the Subscribers, professing true Allegiance to His Majesty King *George* the Third, beg Leave to dissent from the Vote of the House of Magistrates, for enlisting, raising and embodying, an Army of Observation of Fifteen Hundred Men, to repel any Insult or Violence that may be offered to the Inhabitants; and also, if it be necessary for the Safety and Preservation of any of the Colonies, to march them out of this Colony, to join and co-operate with the Forces of the neighbouring Colonies: Protest of the Governor, and several of the Assistants.

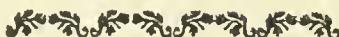
BECAUSE we are of Opinion that such a Measure will be attended with the most fatal Consequences to our Charter Privileges, involve the Colony in all the Horrors of a civil War, and, as we conceive, is an open Violation of the Oath of Allegiance which we have severally  
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taken, upon our Admission into the respective Offices we now hold in the Colony.

*In the Upper-House,*  
Providence, April 25, 1775.

JOSEPH WANTON,  
DARIUS SESSIONS,  
THOMAS WICKES,  
WILLIAM POTTER.



Colony Arms  
to be repaired.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That all the Small-Arms belonging to the Colony, dispersed and being in the several Towns, be forthwith repaired and fitted with Bayonets, at the Charge of the Colony : That all such Persons who have, at their own Expence, so repaired any of the Colony Arms, upon bringing in their Bills, shall be paid therefor out of the General Treasury : And that the same Persons who are appointed to receive each Town's Proportion of Powder, &c. take Care to procure said Arms to be fitted up.

Persons appointed to in-  
list Men.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the military Officers throughout the Colony, or any other Gentlemen who shall be willing, do forthwith inlist Fifteen Hundred good effective Men, for the Service of the Colony : And that each Man who shall inlist shall receive a Bounty of *Four Dollars*, and be entitled to the monthly Wages of *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*.

*N. Greene* ap-  
pointed to  
proceed to  
*Connecticut*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Mr. Nathaniel Greene* be, and he is hereby, appointed in the Room of the Honorable *Samuel Ward, Esq;* (who is going to the Continental Congress) to wait on the General Assembly of the Colony of *Connecticut*, to consult upon Measures for the common Defence of the *Four New-England Governments*.

Committee  
to audit the  
Accounts of  
*W. Potter*.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *William Greene, Esq;* *George Pierce, Esq;* and *Mr. Carder Hazard*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed, a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *William Potter, Esq;* respecting the building a new Court-House in *South-Kingstown* : And that all further Proceedings with Regard to said Building be stayed, until further Orders from this Assembly.

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INASMUCH as there is a most apparent urgent Occa-  
sion that the General Assembly should be holden in  
some Place other than the Town of *Newport*, at the ap-  
proaching annual Election for the Year 1775: *It is*  
*therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General Assembly,  
for the Election of General Officers, and for the trans-  
acting such Business as may be laid before them, on the  
First *Wednesday* in *May* next, be held at the Colony-  
House in *Providence*: And that the Secretary publish a  
Copy of this Vote in the next *Newport Mercury* and  
*Providence Gazette*.

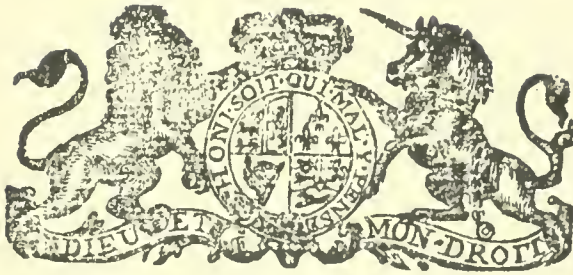
General Elec-  
tion to be  
holden at *Provi-*  
*dence*.





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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden at *Providence*, within and for the said Colony, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, and Fifteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of *G O D*, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,  
The Honorable

*Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;	}	Assistants.
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;		
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;		
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;		
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;		
WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;	}	

The S E C R E T A R Y.  
DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT:	WEST-GREENWICH:
Mr. John Wanton ( <i>Son of Gi- deon</i> )	William Nichols, <i>Esq</i> ;
PROVIDENCE:	Thomas Gorton, <i>Esq</i> ;
Stephen Hopkins, <i>Esq</i> ;	COVENTRY:
Mr. John Jenckes,	John Rice, <i>Esq</i> ;
Mr. John Smith,	Mr. Nathaniel Greene, <i>jun.</i>
Col. John Mathewson.	EXETER:
PORTSMOUTH:	George Pierce, <i>Esq</i> ;
Metcalf Bowler, <i>Esq</i> ;	Jeffery Willcox, <i>Esq</i> ;
Jonathan Freeborn, <i>Esq</i> ;	MIDDLETOWN:
Mr. Job Durfee.	None.
WARWICK:	BRISTOL:
Mr. Jacob Greene,	Major General Simeon Potter,
Mr. Thomas Holden,	William Bradford, <i>Esq</i> ;
Mr. John Low.	TIVERTON:
WESTERLY:	Capt. John Cooke.
Joshua Babcock, <i>Esq</i> ;	LITTLE-COMPTON:
NEW-SHOREHAM:	Capt. Thomas Brownell,
None.	William Richmond, <i>Esq</i> ;
NORTH-KINGSTOWN:	WARREN:
John Northup, <i>Esq</i> ;	Mr. Cromwel Child.
Sylvester Gardner, <i>Esq</i> ;	CUMBERLAND:
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:	John Dexter, <i>Esq</i> ;
John Potter, <i>Esq</i> ;	Jeremiah Whipple, <i>Esq</i> ;
Mr. Carder Hazard.	RICHMOND:
EAST-GREENWICH:	George Webb, <i>Esq</i> ;
Mr. Job Gardner,	Mr. Richard Bailey, <i>jun.</i>
Mr. Allen Johnson.	CRANSTON:
JAMESTOWN:	Capt. Richard Searle,
None.	Mr. William Field.
SMITHFIELD:	HOPKINTON:
Daniel Mowry, <i>jun. Esq</i> ;	Capt. Abel Tanner,
Stephen Whipple, <i>Esq</i> ;	Mr. Thomas Wells, <i>the 3d.</i>
SCITUATE:	JOHNSTON:
Ezekiel Cornell, <i>Esq</i> ;	Mr. Emmor Olney,
Mr. Rufus Hopkins.	Mr. Ebenezer Sprague.
GLOUCESTER:	NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
Silas Williams, <i>Esq</i> ;	Mr. Joseph Olney,
Mr. Daniel Owen.	Major Thomas Olney.
CHARLESTOWN:	BARRINGTON:
Joseph Hoxsie, <i>Esq</i> ;	Col. Nathaniel Martin,
Mr. Samuel Kinyon.	Mr. Thomas Allen.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk, of the Lower-House.*



THIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, both Civil and Military, for the Colony, for the ensuing Year, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit* :

The Hon. DARIUS SESSIONS, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

Samuel Dyre, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

Peleg Barker, Esq; Second Assistant.

David Harris, Esq; Third Assistant.

John Sayles, jun. Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Wickes, Esq; Sixth Assistant.

Jonathan Randall, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

Peter Phillips, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

Joseph Hazard, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Church, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

Henry Marchant, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

The Hon. NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq; Deputy-Governor, in the Room of the Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq; who declined serving. Engaged.

John Collins, Esq; Second Assistant, in the Room of *Peleg Barker*, Esq; who declined serving.

Ambrose Page, Esq; Third Assistant, in the Room of *David Harris*, Esq; who declined serving. Engaged.

[A Majority of Votes having been put in, on the Day of proxying for General Officers, for John Almy, Esq; for the Office of Fifth Assistant, who hath deceased since that Day; and a great Number of Votes having been put in at the same Time for John Jepson, Esq; for the same Office, the Question was put, whether the said John Jepson was duly chosen, or whether the said Office is vacant? And it is determined that the said Office is vacant.]

John Jepson, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

James Arnold, jun. Esq; Sixth Assistant, in the Room of *Thomas Wickes*, Esq; who declined serving. Engaged.

Jabez Champlin, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Newport.

Paul Tew, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of King's-County.

Richard Smith, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Bristol.  
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Henry Rice, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Kent.

Officers of the  
Newport  
Light-Infan-  
try approved.

THE Company of Light-Infantry in the Town of Newport having made Choice of the following Officers, and made Return of them to the Governor and Council, to wit :

Jabez Champlin, Captain.

Charles Spooner, First-Lieutenant.

Philip Moss, Second-Lieutenant.

Samuel Spooner, Ensign.

Upon Consideration whereof,

*IT is Voted and Resolved* by the Council, That the said Officers be, and they are hereby, approved.

Treasurer's  
Office re-  
moved to  
Providence.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer remove, with the Colony's Treasure, to the Town of Providence: And that, for the Charge of his removing, together with the extraordinary Trouble he is likely to have in doing the Business of the said Office during the present Year, he be allowed the Sum of *Ninety Pounds* Lawful Money, including his annual Salary.

The Remov-  
al of the Se-  
cretary's Of-  
fice to Provi-  
dence approv-  
ed.

WHEREAS the Secretary hath removed the Colony's Records, and his Office, to the Town of Providence, and prayed this Assembly, in Case the Removal be approved, to order the Expence thereof to be paid out of the General Treasury: On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Removal of the Colony's Records be, and it is hereby, approved; and that an Account of the Expence thereof be laid before this Assembly.

M. Bowler  
to receive the  
Arms for  
Portsmouth.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable Metcalf Bowler, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed to receive the Town of Portsmouth's Proportion of the Colony's Arms, in the Room of the Town-Treasurer, whose religious Principles will not admit of his receiving the same.

Part of the  
Militia Act  
suspended.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That that Part of the Militia Act obliging the Companies to train once in every Month,

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Month, be, and the same is hereby, suspended for Three Months, from and after the Rising of this Assembly.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *James Mitchel* Committee to  
*Varnum*, Col. *Daniel Hitchcock*, and Col. *John Mathew-* prepare an  
*son*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to Act to regu-  
prepare a Bill for the Regulation of the Army ordered late the Ar-  
to be raised for the Defence of the Colony: That they my.  
also prepare the Form of a Commission for the Officers of  
the said Army: And that they lay the same before this  
Assembly.

WHEREAS the Collector of Taxes for the Town of *General*  
*South-Kingstown* hath refused to serve in the said Office, *Treasurer* to  
and the Time limited for the Payment of the said issue a War-  
Town's Proportion of the last Colony's Tax is expired: rant to the  
*It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Collector of  
Treasurer be, and he is hereby, empowered and direct- *South-King-*  
ed to issue his Warrant to such Collector as shall be ap- *stown.*  
pointed by the said Town to collect the said Tax, with  
the Interest, in as full and ample a Manner as though  
such Warrant had been timely granted.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Simeon Clark, jun.* be Militia Offi-  
appointed Captain, *Thomas James* Lieutenant, and *Tho-* cers for *Rich-*  
*mas Tefft* Ensign, of the Trained Band, or Company of mond.  
Militia, in the Town of *Richmond*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Second Trained Second Com-  
Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *Hopkinton*, pany in *Hop-*  
be, and the same is hereby, divided into Two Companies: *kinton* divid-  
That the Division Line shall begin at the Middle of the ed.  
long Bridge, and run from thence on a West Course to  
the Colony Line, and from the Middle of said Bridge  
Easterly to *Ell-Pond*, *Long-Pond*, and to the South  
End of *Blue-Pond*, and from thence Easterly Twenty  
Rods South of *Hezekiah Carpenter's* House, to *Wood-*  
*River*: That the North Part of the said Town, from the  
said Line, be the Third Company: And that *Nathan* Officers for  
*Barber* be chosen Captain, *Jesse Burdick* Lieutenant, and the new Com-  
*Weight Burdick* Ensign, of the said Third Company. pany).

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the First Trained First Compa-  
Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *Westerly*, ny in *Westerly*  
B be divided.

Officers for  
the new Com-  
pany.

be divided into Two Companies : That the District of the Company taken off, which shall be the Third Company in said Town, be included within the two Roads, that is to say, beginning at the Bridge, near the *Baptist Meeting-House*, commonly called *Crandall's Bridge*; thence Southerly, bounded by the Road, until it comes to the Post-Road, near the House of *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; and thence Westerly, by the Post-Road, to the Colony Line at *Pawcatuck Bridge*: And that *George Stillman*, jun. be appointed Captain, *Peleg Saunders* Lieutenant, and *Silas Maxson* Ensign, of the said Company.

Delegates al-  
lowed £ 60  
each.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That each of the Gentlemen appointed Delegates to represent this Colony in the Continental Congress, to be holden in the City of *Philadelphia* on the Tenth Instant, draw the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to bear their Expences.

*D. M'Cann*  
liberated  
from Gaol.

WHEREAS *Daniel M'Cann*, of *Providence*, in the County of *Providence*, Taylor, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that on the Thirteenth Day of *September*, A. D. 1774, he was committed to His Majesty's Gaol in the County aforesaid, by Virtue of a Mittimus, signed by the Judges of His Majesty's Superior Court, charging him with Felony, in maiming and wounding *Joseph Nightingale*, Esq; in which Gaol he hath been confined ever since: That at the Court of Assize, held in said County, in *March*, A. D. 1775, he was indicted, not for the Felony he was charged with in the Mittimus, but for a Riot, and was fined *Five Pounds*, and ordered to stand committed until he should pay the same, together with all the Charges of Prosecution: And that by his being so long confined he is reduced to an absolute State of Indigence, and rendered utterly incapable of paying the said Fine and Cost: And thereupon the said *Daniel M'Cann* prayed this Assembly to give him Relief, either by remitting the said Fine and Cost, or by letting him go at large, whereby he may be enabled to earn the Money to pay the same: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be granted, upon Condition that the

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the Petitioner, with his Family, leave this Colony immediately, under the Conduct of an Officer: And that, if he be found in the Colony, after the Officer shall leave him, he be recommitted to Gaol.

WHEREAS *William Bradford*, Esq; and *Mr. Nathaniel Greene*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by them charged against the Colony, for their Service, Horse-Hire and Expences, in waiting upon the General Assembly of the Colony of *Conneticut*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Ten Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Seven Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Bradford* and *Nathaniel Greene*, out of the General Treasury.

*W. Bradford,*  
and *N. Greene,*  
jun. allowed  
£ 10 15 7.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Benjamin Tayer* be, and he is hereby, appointed Captain of *Fort-George* for the ensuing Year; and that he receive Wages as Gunner of said Fort.

*B. Tayer* appointed Captain of *Fort-George*.



An A C T for embodying, supplying and paying, the Army of Observation ordered to be raised for the Defence of the Colony.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted, That the Fifteen Hundred Men ordered to be raised by this Colony be formed into one Brigade, under the Command of a Brigadier-General, and consist of Three Regiments, each of which shall be commanded by One Colonel, One Lieutenant-Colonel, and One Major: That there be One Adjutant of Brigade, or Adjutant-Major, for such Purposes as appertain to that Office: That there be One Adjutant, One Surgeon, One Surgeon's Mate, and One Quarter-Master, to each Regiment: That each Regiment

And for embodying, supplying and paying, the Army of Observation.



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Regiment consist of Eight Companies ; each Field Officer's Company to be commanded, under such Field Officer, by One Captain-Lieutenant, One Lieutenant, and one Ensign ; and each of the other Companies by One Captain, One Lieutenant, and one Ensign : And that one of the Companies be a Train of Artillery, and have the Use of the Colony's Field Pieces.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Regiment be placed in the said Brigade upon the Flanks and in the Center by Rotation, so that a perfect Equality in Rank be preserved : And that a similar Equality be preserved among the Field Officers of the different Regiments, by the Brigadier-General, in all the Duties of a Campaign.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each able-bodied effective Man, who shall enlist into the Service, and find himself a Small-Arm, Bayonet, and other Accoutrements, shall be allowed and paid *Forty Shillings* as a Bounty ; and each able-bodied effective Man, not finding himself a Small-Arm, Bayonet, and other Accoutrements, shall receive *Twenty-four Shillings* as a Bounty.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Officer and Soldier shall receive the following monthly Wages, while in the Service, *to wit :* Each Colonel *Fifteen Pounds*, each Lieutenant-Colonel *Twelve Pounds*, each Major *Ten Pounds*, the Adjutant of Brigade, or Adjutant-Major, *Nine Pounds*, each Captain and Captain-Lieutenant *Six Pounds*, each Lieutenant *Four Pounds*, each Ensign *Three Pounds*, each Adjutant of a Regiment *Five Pounds Ten Shillings*, each Surgeon *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings*, each Surgeon's Mate *Four Pounds*, each Quarter-Master *Three Pounds*, each Sergeant *Two Pounds Eight Shillings*, each Corporal *Two Pounds Four Shillings*, each Drummer and Fifer *Two Pounds Four Shillings*, and each private Man *Forty Shillings*.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Field Officer be allowed *Ten Shillings per Week,*

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Week, and each other Officer and Soldier *Six Shillings per Week*, for Billet, while in this Colony after Inlistment, and before the Regiments are embodied. And each Soldier shall also have a Blanket and Knap sack given him by the Colony.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Officer and Soldier be paid his Wages, and the weekly Billet that shall be due, as soon as may be : And that One Month's Wages be paid in Advance before the Troops march out of the Colony.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Soldier be inlisted by signing the following Inlistment, to wit : *I the Subscriber hereby solemnly engage and inlist myself as a Soldier in His Majesty's Service, and in the Pay of the Colony of Rhode-Island, for the Preservation of the Liberties of America, from the Day of my Inlistment, to the last Day of December next, unless the Service admit of a Discharge sooner, which shall be at the Discretion of the General Assembly : And I hereby promise to submit myself to all the Orders and Regulations of the Army, and faithfully to observe and obey all such Orders as I shall receive from Time to Time from my Officers.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That no Officer or Soldier be arrested, prosecuted, or detained in Gaol, for any Debt whatsoever less than *Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money, due to One Creditor : And that every Apprentice who shall inlist into the said Army shall be entitled to the Whole of the Bounty, and One Half of his Wages ; his Master receiving the other Half.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That for supplying the Troops with Arms, Provisions, &c. *Five Hundred Barrels of Flour, Three Hundred Barrels of Pork, One Hundred Barrels of Beef, Fifteen Hundred Blankets and Knap sacks, and Fifteen Hundred Small-Arms and Bayonets, with suitable Accoutrements,* be immediately procured on the Colony's Account.

AND that the said Troops may be supplied with Cloathing and other Necessaries, *It is further Enacted by*  
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*the Authority aforesaid, That a Commissary be appointed, who shall go Sutler to the Troops, and have One and an Half per Cent. upon all the Business he shall transact. And such Commissary is hereby directed and required to deliver unto the Soldiers such Things as the Colony shall send for the Use of the Regiments at the prime Cost, including all Charges that may accrue thereon; provided that the said Officer deliver nothing to any Soldier, without an Order from the Captain or Commanding Officer of the Company for the Time being to which such Soldier belongs. And the Officers are hereby restricted and forbid drawing any Order or Orders on the Commissary, exceeding the monthly Wages due to the Soldier that applies for the same.*

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whoever shall be appointed Commissary and Sutler, shall give Security to the General Treasurer, in the penal Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, for the faithful Performance of his Duty: And shall not carry with him, on his own Account, any Necessaries of the same Kind with those that shall be sent by the Government. And as such Commissary may want Assistance, he is hereby authorized to appoint a Deputy or Deputies under him; he being accountable for the Conduct of his Deputies.*

*AND for the Purposes aforesaid, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Committee of Safety be chosen by this Assembly, One of whom shall reside in each County, excepting the County of Providence, which shall have Two, to furnish and pay the Officers and Soldiers in such County: And that each Committee-Man shall give Bond with Surety to the General Treasurer, in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Lawful Money, for the faithful Discharge of his Trust.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committee provide Arms, Tents, Provisions, and every other Accoutrement necessary for the Army: And that they be allowed One and an Half per Cent. for transacting the Business.*

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AND for supplying the General Treasury, *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money Bills, be immediately printed, and signed by the Honorable *Metcalf Bowler, Esq; Henry Ward, Joseph Clarke, John Cole, and Thomas Greene, Esquires*: That all Bills under *Five Shillings* be signed by One of the Committee, and all the other Bills by Two of the Committee: That the same shall be a lawful Tender in Discharge of all Contracts, Debts, Dues and Demands, whether of a public or private Nature: That One Half of the said Bills shall be redeemed within Two Years, and the other Half within Five Years, from the Time of the Emission, together with the Interest thereon accruing, at the Rate of *Two and an Half per Cent. per Annum*, by a general Tax to be levied on the Inhabitants of this Colony: And that the Bills shall be of the following Value, *to wit*:

2000	Bills of <i>Forty Shillings</i> each,	£ 4000
4000	of <i>Thirty Shillings</i> ,	6000
4000	of <i>Twenty Shillings</i> ,	4000
4000	of <i>Ten Shillings</i> ,	2000
4000	of <i>Five Shillings</i> ,	1000
4000	of <i>Four Shillings</i> ,	800
4000	of <i>Three Shillings</i> ,	600
6000	of <i>Two Shillings</i> ,	600
10000	of <i>One Shilling</i> ,	500
8000	of <i>Nine Pence</i> ,	300
8000	of <i>Six Pence</i> ,	200

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WHICH Bills shall be of the following Form: "*The Possessor of this Bill shall be paid, by the Treasurer of the Colony of Rhode-Island, Lawful Money, at the Rate of Six Shillings and Nine Pence for One Ounce of Silver, within Five Years from the Date hereof, with Interest at Two and an Half per Cent. per Annum until paid.—By Order of Assembly.—Providence, the Third Day of May, 1775.*" And on the said Bills there shall be the same Impression and Motto as on the Lawful Money Bills heretofore emitted.

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*Committee of Safety to fill up all Vacancies, &c.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee of Safety be, and they are hereby, appointed to receive the Colony's Arms, and distribute them where they are wanted, amongst the Soldiers that shall enlist into the Army of Observation : That the said Committee, or any Four of them, be, and they are hereby, appointed, and fully impowered, during the Recess of the General Assembly, to fill up all Vacancies that shall happen amongst the Officers that shall be appointed by the General Assembly for the said Army : And that they procure all Necessaries not particularly mentioned in the Act for raising said Army.

*Committee to audit D. Tillinghast's Account.* *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Major-General Simeon Potter, Mr. Nathaniel Greene, jun. and Mr. Daniel Owen, be, and they, or any Two of them, are hereby appointed, a Committee, to audit the Accounts of Col. Daniel Tillinghast with the Colony, for the Charges of making Six Gun-Carriages, &c.

*Act continuing all Business to the next Superior Court in the County of Kent.* WHEREAS His Majesty's Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been held at *East-Greenwich*, in and for the County of Kent, on the Fourth *Wednesday* in *April* last past, fell through for Want of a sufficient Number of Justices to attend said Court : *Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted,* That all Business, either Civil or Criminal, which was to have been heard and determined at said Court, be continued to the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, to be holden at said *East-Greenwich*, on the Third *Monday* of *October* next : That all Executions returnable to said *April* Term, be returned into the Clerk's Office of said Court within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly ; in Default whereof, any Party aggrieved may call a Special Court against either the Sheriff or his Deputy, who shall neglect to return said Execution, in the same Manner as by Law he might for not making Return of said Execution in due Season, if said Court had sat : And that this Act be published in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*.

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BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, Officers chose the following Officers, *to wit*: *Simeon Potter*, <sup>sen</sup> Esq; Second Assistant, in the Room of *John Collins*, Esq; who declined serving. Engaged.

*The Committee of Safety.*

*William Richmond*, Esq; for the County of *Newport*.  
*Mr. John Smith*, and *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; for the County of *Providence*.  
*John Northup*, Esq; for the County of *King's County*.  
*William Bradford*, Esq; for the County of *Bristol*.  
*Mr. Jacob Greene*, for the County of *Kent*.

*Officers of the Army of Observation.*

*Nathaniel Greene*, jun. Esq; Brigadier-General.  
*Peter Phillips*, Esq; Commissary.  
*Thomas Church*, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment to be raised in the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*.  
*Daniel Hitchcock*, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment to be raised in the County of *Providence*.  
*James Mitchel Varnum*, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment to be raised in the Counties of *King's County* and *Kent*.  
*William Turner Miller*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment to be raised in the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*.  
*Ezekiel Cornell*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of *Providence*.  
*James Babcock*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of *King's County* and *Kent*.  
*John Forrester*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of *Newport* and *Bristol*.  
*Israel Angell*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of *Providence*.  
*Christopher Greene*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of *King's County* and *Kent*.  
*John Crane* Captain, and *Joseph Balch* Captain-Lieutenant, of the Train of Artillery.  
*William Ladd* Captain-Lieutenant, *Nathaniel Church* Lieutenant, and *Cornelius Briggs* Ensign, of the Colonel's Company of the Regiment of *Newport* and *Bristol*.  
*Matthew Allen* Captain-Lieutenant, *James Smith* Lieutenant, and *James Brown*, jun. Ensign, of the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company of the Regiment of *Newport* and *Bristol*.

*John Topham* Captain-Lieutenant, *George Tennant* Lieutenant, and *Stephen Tripp* Ensign, of the Major's Company of the Regiment of *Newport and Bristol*.

*Sion Martindale* Captain, *Benjamin Diamon* Lieutenant, and *James Child* (the Second) Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *Newport and Bristol*.

*Thomas Tew* Captain, *Jonathan Simmons* Lieutenant, and *Christopher Bennet* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *Newport and Bristol*.

*Jonathan Brownell* Captain, *Sylvanus Shaw* Lieutenant, and *Godfrey Brown* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *Newport and Bristol*.

*Benjamin Seabury* Captain, *Gilbert Manchester* Lieutenant, and *Israel Church* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *Newport and Bristol*.

*Simeon Thayer* Captain-Lieutenant, *John Spurr* Lieutenant, and *William Potter* Ensign, of the Colonel's Company of the Regiment of *Providence*.

*Stephen Kimbal* Captain-Lieutenant, *Jonathan Smith* Lieutenant, and *George Dorrance*, jun. Ensign, of the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company of the Regiment of *Providence*.

*John Field* Captain-Lieutenant, *David Richmond* Lieutenant, and *Samuel Black* Ensign, of the Major's Company of the Regiment of *Providence*.

*Andrew Waterman* Captain, *William Aldrich* Lieutenant, and *David Dexter*, jun. Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *Providence*.

*John Angell* Captain, *Coggeshall Olney* Lieutenant, and *Stephen Olney* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *Providence*.

*Christopher Olney* Captain, *Ephraim Bowen*, jun. Lieutenant, and *Cyprian Sterry* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *Providence*.

*Jeremiah Olney* Captain, *Levi Tower* Lieutenant, and *Nathaniel Field* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *Providence*.

*Nathaniel Blackmar* Captain, *Samuel Thornton* Lieutenant, and *Abraham Tourtellot* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *Providence*.

*Archibald Crary* Captain-Lieutenant, and *John Singer Dexter* Lieutenant, of the Colonel's Company of the Regiment of *King's County and Kent*.

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*John Hoxie* Captain-Lieutenant, *Jonathan Bates*, jun. Lieutenant, and *Joseph Holloway* Ensign, of the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company of the Regiment of *King's County and Kent*.

*Edmund Johnson* Captain-Lieutenant, *John Reynolds* Lieutenant, *John Holden* (Son of *Charles*) Ensign, of the Major's Company of the Regiment of *King's County and Kent*.

*Thomas Holden* Captain, *Joseph Barton* Lieutenant, and *Joseph Arnold* (Son of *Caleb*) Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *King's County and Kent*.

*Samuel Ward*, jun. Captain, *Elijah Lewis* Lieutenant, and *Joshua Collins* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *King's County and Kent*.

*James Gardner* Captain, *Thomas Phillips* Lieutenant, and *Samuel Bissell* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *King's County and Kent*.

*Christopher Gardner*, jun. Captain, *Nathaniel Hawkins* Lieutenant, and *William Potter* (Son of *Ichabod*) Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *King's County and Kent*.

*John Randall* Captain, *Oliver Clarke* Lieutenant, and *Stephen Wells* Ensign, of a Company in the Regiment of *King's County and Kent*.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety in the several Counties be, and they are hereby appointed, Muster-Masters of the Troops now ordered to be raised, for their respective Counties.

Committee of  
Safety ap-  
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ter-Masters.

WHEREAS Captain *Benjamin Tayer* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going twice to *Newport*, as an Express, with Letters from this Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Three Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Tayer*, out of the General Treasury.

*B. Tayer* al-  
lowed £ 3 6.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Jonathan Ellis* and *John Crane* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged

*J. Ellis* and  
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charged against the Colony, for their Time, Horse-Hire and Expences, in going Express to *Lexington*, by Order of the Authority in the Town of *Providence* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Five Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Ellis* and *John Crane*, out of the General Treasury.

*P. Bassett* allowed 6 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Peter Bassett* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for watching the warlike Stores, in the Town of *Providence*, belonging to the Colony : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Six Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peter Bassett*, out of the General Treasury.

*I. Tuckerman* allowed 18 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Isaac Tuckerman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for watching the warlike Stores in *Providence*, belonging to the Colony, and for casting Bullets : And the said Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Isaac Tuckerman*, out of the General Treasury.

*S. Lotbrop* allowed 6 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Seth Lotbrop* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for watching the military Stores belonging to the Colony, in *Providence* : And the said Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Six Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Seth Lotbrop*, out of the General Treasury.

Act to prevent the Hon. *Joseph Watson*, Esq; from acting as Governor.

WHEREAS the Ministry and Parliament of *Great-Britain*, sacrificing the Glory and Happiness of their Sovereign, and the Good of *Britain* and the Colonies, to their own ambitious and lucrative Views, have entered into many arbitrary, illegal Resolutions, for depriving His

His Majesty's Subjects in *America* of every Security for the Enjoyment of Life, Liberty and Property, and have sent, and are still sending, Troops and Ships of War into these Colonies, to enforce their tyrannical Mandates, and have actually begun to shed the Blood of the innocent People of these Colonies; in Consequence whereof this Assembly, at the Session held on the Twenty-second Day of *April* last, passed an Act for raising Fifteen Hundred Men, as an Army of Observation, and to assist any of our Sister Colonies: And whereas the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; then Governor of this Colony, did enter a Protest against the said Act, conceived in such Terms as highly to reflect upon the General Assembly, and upon the united Opposition of all *America* to the aforesaid tyrannical Measures: And whereas the said *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; hath neglected to issue a Proclamation for the due Observation of *Thursday*, the Eleventh of *May* instant, as a Day of Fasting and Prayer, agreeable to an Act passed at the said Session: And whereas the said *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; hath been elected to the Office of Governor of this Colony for the present Year, and been duly notified thereof by this Assembly, notwithstanding which he hath not attended at this General Assembly, and taken the Oath required by Law: And whereas the said *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; hath positively refused to sign the Commissions for the Officers appointed to command the Troops so ordered to be raised: By all which he hath manifested his Intentions to defeat the good People of these Colonies, in their present glorious Struggle to transmit inviolate to Posterity those sacred Rights they have received from their Ancestors.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Deputy-Governor and Assistants be, and they are hereby, forbid to administer the Oath of Office to the said Joseph Wanton, Esq; unless in free and open General Assembly, according to the unvaried Practice in this Colony, and with the Consent of such Assembly: That until the said Joseph Wanton, Esq; shall have taken the Oath of Office as aforesaid, it shall not be lawful for him to act as Governor of this Colony, in any Case whatever: And*

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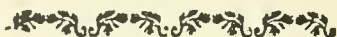
that every Act done by him, in the pretended Capacity of Governor, shall be null and void in itself, and shall not operate as a Warrant or Discharge to any Person acting by his Orders, or under his Authority.

Secretary empowered to sign all Commissions.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary of the Colony, be, and he is hereby, directed, and fully authorized and empowered, to sign the Commissions for all Officers, Civil and Military, chosen by this Assembly, as well those going in the Service aforesaid as others, he receiving therefor, out of the General-Treasury, Two Shillings and Eight Pence for each Commission: And that such Commission so signed, with the Colony Seal affixed, shall be as full and effectual Warrant and Warrants to every and all such Officer and Officers so chosen, for the faithful Discharge of his and their Duty, as if the same were signed by a Governor of this Colony, duly elected and engaged according to Law; any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.*

Deputy-Governor empowered to call the General Assembly.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be requested, and fully authorized and empowered, to call the General Assembly together upon any Emergency, to meet at such Time and Place as he shall think most for the Interest of the Colony.*



Naval-Officer appointed.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Josepb Wanton*, Esq; who is elected Governor of this Colony for the present Year, hath not attended this Assembly, and taken the Oath of Office, and cannot therefore appoint a Naval-Officer, until he shall be sworn in before the General Assembly:

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Naval-Office be kept by James Clarke, Esq; who hath for some Time past kept it, until further Orders from this Assembly; and that he account to this Assembly.*

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety be, and they are hereby, directed to make out the Account of the Expences of raising and equipping the Fifteen Hundred Men ordered to be raised by this Colony, as an Army of Observation, and for the Assistance of any of the neighbouring Colonies, as soon as the said Troops are fully equipped, and transmit the same to the Delegates of this Colony, at the Continental Congress, to be by them laid before the Congress, that the Colonies which have not been or shall not be, at a proportionate Expence, in the Defence of our common Rights, may contribute their Proportion towards reimbursing this Colony such Part of the Expences of raising and equipping the said Fifteen Hundred Men, as shall be more than this Colony's Proportion towards the common Defence.

Committee of Safety to transmit an Account of the Expence of raising the Troops to the Delegates of this Colony, at Philadelphia.

WHEREAS Major-General *Simeon Potter*, who was chosen one of the Deputies for the Town of *Bristol*, is elected to the Office of Second Assistant of this Colony : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Speaker of the Lower-House issue a Warrant to the said Town of *Bristol*, directing and empowering the said Town to choose another Deputy for the said Town.

Speaker to issue a Warrant for electing a Deputy for Bristol.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver to *William Richmond*, Esq; who is one of the Committee of Safety for the said County, all the Colony Arms, Pistols, Cutlasses, &c. which are in the Town of *Newport*.

Colony Arms to be delivered in Newport to W. Richmond.

WHEREAS Mr. *David Gifford* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for carrying the public Records in his Boat from *Bristol Ferry* to *Providence*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *David Gifford*, out of the General-Treasury.

D. Gifford allowed 18 s.

WHEREAS *John Pitman*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony,

J. Pitman allowed 15 s.

Colony, for his Horse, lett to Mr. *Henry Sherburne*, to go with the Colony Records to *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Pitman*, out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Sherburne*  
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WHEREAS Mr. *Henry Sherburne*, Deputy-Secretary, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services and Expences in going to *Providence* with the Colony Records, and the Expences of two Men, who assisted in carrying them by Land to *Bristol Ferry*, and for repairing and cleaning a Musket belonging to the Colony: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Sherburne*, out of the General-Treasury.

The Plates,  
Gr. for printing  
Bills of  
Credit to be  
delivered to  
*J. Carter*,  
Gr.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Carter* be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive of the General-Treasurer the Plates, Escutcheons, and other Ornaments, for printing Bills of Credit: That he draw Money out of the General-Treasury, for purchasing Paper for that Purpose: And that *David Wilkinson*, Esq; and Mr. *Ebenezer Thompson*, be appointed, one or the other of them, to attend the Press continually, during the Time the Bills are printing.

Committee  
to order the  
Troops to  
march out of  
the Colony.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Lieutenant-General, Brigadier-General, and the Committee of Safety, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby fully authorized and empowered, to order and direct when and in what Manner the Forces, or any Part thereof, shall march out of this Colony, to the Assistance of any neighbouring Colony in Distress.

Express sent  
for the Plates,  
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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Ezekiel Burr* be sent Express to the General-Treasurer, to receive of him the Plates, Escutcheons, and other Ornaments, for printing

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and they are hereby, appointed to take the Account,  
in their respective Towns : *To wit,*

NEWPORT :	West-Greenwich :
Mr. Edward Thurston, jun.	Job Spencer, Esq.
William Coddington, Esq.	Coventry :
Providence :	Mr. Abel Bennet.
James Angell, Esq.	Exeter :
Portsmouth :	George Peirce, Esq.
John Shearman, Esq.	Middletown :
Warwick :	John Barker, Esq.
Mr. Anthony Low.	Bristol :
Westerly :	Richard Smith, Esq.
Joseph Crandall, Esq.	Tiverton :
New-Shoreham :	Walter Cooke, Esq.
Mr. John Sands.	Little-Compton :
North-Kingstown :	Thomas Church, Esq.
Peter Phillips, Esq.	Warren :
South-Kingstown :	William Turner Miller, Esq.
Mr. Nathaniel Hawkins.	Cumberland :
East-Greenwich :	John Dexter, Esq.
William Pierce, Esq.	Richmond :
Jamestown :	Robert Stanton, Esq.
Benjamin Underwood, Esq.	Cranston :
Smithfield :	Thomas Potter, Esq.
Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq.	Hopkinton :
Scituate :	Thomas Wells, jun. Esq.
Mr. Rufus Hopkins,	Johnston :
Gloucester :	Edward Fenner, Esq.
Zebedee Hopkins, jun. Esq.	North-Providence :
Charlestown :	Hope Angell, Esq.
Mr. Jonathan Hassard.	Barrington :
	Mr. Thomas Allen.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved, That, in Case any*  
of the above named Persons shall refuse, or by any Ca-  
sualty be render unable, to serve, then the Deputies, in  
the respective Towns be, and they are hereby, empow-  
ered to appoint others in their Stead.

*And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Se-*  
cretary transmit, by Express, as soon as possible, a Co-  
py hereof, to the Persons above appointed ; and also  
furnish each Person with a proper Roll, with ruled Co-  
lunnns, to take the Numbers : And that the Persons



so appointed make Return thereof, to this Assembly, at the next Session.

The Thanks of the Assembly given to the Deputy-Governor. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the thanks of this Assembly be given the Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq; Deputy Governor of this Colony, for his spirited Conduct in exerting his Authority for the honor of the Colony, in issuing a Proclamation for apprehending *Daniel Willson*, a Criminal under Sentence of Death, who had broke out of the Gaol in *Providence*: And that the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* present an Account of the Expences and Charges of apprehending the said *Willson* to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Governor allowed £. 30. and the Deputy-Governor, £. 15. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Thirty Pounds, lawful Money, be paid his Honor the Governor, out of the General Treasury, for his Salary for the Year 1773: And that Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, be paid his Honor the Deputy-Governor, out of the General Treasury, for his Salary for the same Year.

*J. Carter* allowed £. 18 o. WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing 300 Proclamations, for apprehending *Daniel Willson*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Carter*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; Mr. *John Wanton*, (Son of *Gideon*) and Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed, a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer with the Colony: And that they make Report to Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to audit T. Aldrich's Account. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Benjamin Greene*, *Nathan Miller* and *John Matthewson*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine the



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the Account, of *Thomas Aldrich*, Esq; with the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office : And that they make Report of the State thereof, to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *John Matthewson*, *Benjamin Greene* and *Nathan Miller*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts, presented to this Assembly, by *George Taylor*, Esq. And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to  
audit *G. Taylor's*  
Account.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Election of Officers, not chosen at this Session, be referred to the next Session : And that, in the mean Time, the Persons now in Office be, and they are hereby, continued in their respective Offices, with as full Power and Authority, as they have at any Time before had.

Officers con-  
tinued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within ten Days after the rising of the Assembly ; and within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town Clerks in the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned unto the Second Monday in *June* next, then to meet in *Newport*.

Adjourn-  
ment.

G O D save the K I N G.

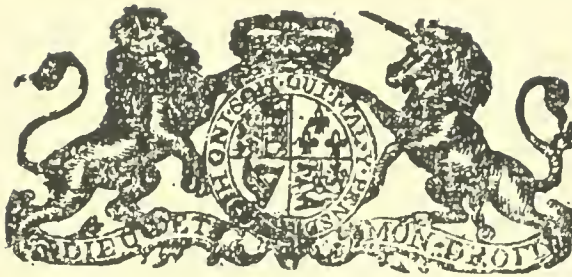
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W I T N E S S







At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the said Colony, on the Second *Monday* in *June*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, and Fifteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of *G O D*, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,  
The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;  
SIMEON POTTER, Esq;  
AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;  
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;  
JOHN JEPSON, Esq;  
JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;  
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;  
JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq;  
THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.  
DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several T O W N S.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

N E W P O R T :	Mr. Samuel Kinyon.
Mr. John Wanton ( <i>Son of Gi-</i>	WEST-GREENWICH :
<i>deon</i> )	William Nichols, <i>Esq;</i>
George Hazard, <i>Esq;</i>	Thomas Gorton, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. John Tanner,	COVENTRY :
Mr. Joseph Anthony.	Nathaniel Greene, <i>jun. Esq;</i>
PROVIDENCE :	EXETER :
Mr. John Jenckes,	George Pierce, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. John Smith,	Jeffery Willcox, <i>Esq;</i>
Col. John Mathewson.	MIDDLETOWN :
PORTSMOUTH :	Mr. James Potter.
Mr. Job Durfee.	BRISTOL :
WARWICK :	Major-General William Bradford,
William Greene, <i>Esq;</i>	Benjamin Bosworth, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. Jacob Greene,	TIVERTON :
Capt. Thomas Holden,	John Cooke, <i>Esq;</i>
Lieut. Col. John Low.	LITTLE-COMPTON :
WESTERLY :	Capt. Thomas Brownell,
Joshua Babcock, <i>Esq;</i>	William Richmond, <i>Esq;</i>
Mr. James Rhodes.	WARREN :
NEW-SHOREHAM :	Mr. Cromel Child,
Mr. John Sands.	Martin Luther, <i>Esq;</i>
NORTH-KINGSTOWN.	CUMBERLAND :
John Northup, <i>Esq;</i>	John Dexter, <i>Esq;</i>
Sylvester Gardner, <i>Esq;</i>	Jeremiah Whipple, <i>Esq;</i>
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :	RICHMOND :
John Potter, <i>Esq;</i>	George Webb, <i>Esq;</i>
Carder Hazard, <i>Esq;</i>	Capt. Richard Bailey, <i>jun.</i>
EAST-GREENWICH :	CRANSTON :
Mr. Job Gardner,	Capt. Richard Searle,
Mr. Allen Johnson.	Mr. William Field.
JAMESTOWN :	HOPKINTON :
Capt. Edward Hull,	Capt. Abel Tanner,
Capt. Samuel Carr.	Mr. Thomas Wells, <i>the 3d.</i>
SMITHFIELD :	JOHNSTON :
Daniel Mowry, <i>jun. Esq;</i>	Mr. Emmor Olney,
Stephen Whipple, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Ebenezer Sprague.
SCITUATE :	NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
Rufus Hopkins, <i>Esq;</i>	Mr. Joseph Olney,
GLOUCESTER :	Major Thomas Olney.
Silas Williams, <i>Esq;</i>	BARRINGTON :
Mr. Daniel Owen.	Col. Nathaniel Martin,
CHARLESTOWN :	Mr. Thomas Allen.
Joseph Hoxsie, <i>Esq;</i>	

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower-House.

WHEREAS *Job Randall, Stephen Hopkins, and Charles Harris*, Esquires, who were appointed a Committee to revise the Road called *Plainfield Road*, presented unto this Assembly a Plan of the said Road, as revised by them, and the following Report, to wit :

Report of the Committee appointed to revise *Plainfield Road*.

IN Pursuance of our Appointment by the General Assembly, we have revised the Road called *Plainfield Road*, from a Black-Birch Pole in *Bennet's Brook*, near *Jonathan Olney's*, to the Seven Mile Line, or to *Scituate East Boundary*, and do present this as a Plan thereof.

JOB RANDALL,  
STEPHEN HOPKINS,  
CHARLES HARRIS.

*Providence, December 10, 1774.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

THIS Assembly, at the Session held at *Providence* on the First *Wednesday* in *May* last, having passed an Act prohibiting his Honor the Deputy-Governor and the Assistants from administering the Oath of Office to the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; who was elected Governor of this Colony for the present Year; and declaring all Acts by him done, in the pretended Capacity of Governor, null and void, until he shall be engaged in open General Assembly, and with the Consent of the General Assembly, &c. And the said *Joseph Wanton* having appeared before this Assembly, and demanded that the Oath of Office be administered to him; and this General Assembly having taken the same into Consideration, do *Vote and Resolve*, and *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Wanton* hath not given Satisfaction to this Assembly: That the said recited Act, passed at the last Session, continue and be in Force until the Rising of the General Assembly at the next Session: And that this Act be immediately published, by inserting a Copy thereof in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*.

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June, 1775.

An ACT for dividing the First Company of Trained Bands in *Scituate*, in the County of *Providence*, into Two.

Act dividing  
the First  
Company in  
*Scituate*.

WHEREAS the First Company of Trained Bands in *Scituate*, in the County of *Providence*, is become so large, that it is very inconvenient that the same should remain entire :

*BE it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the said First Company in *Scituate* be, and they are hereby, divided and made into Two, by a Line dividing the late District of that Company, beginning at the Middle of the South Line of the said District, and to run from thence North through the same : And that all those Men who live on the West Side of said dividing Line, shall compose a Fifth Company in said Town, for which Officers are to be appointed.

*R. Smith* allowed 20 s.

WHEREAS *Richard Smith*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for warning the Members of the General Assembly, belonging to the County of *Bristol*, by Virtue of Warrants from his Honor the Governor, to attend the General Assembly, at the Sessions held at *Providence*, in *December* and *April* last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *One Pound* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to  
audit the Ac-  
counts of the  
Charges of  
removing the  
Cannon to  
*Providence*,  
&c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *John Jenckes*, *Joseph Anthony*, and *John Dexter*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Charges of removing the Cannon from *Fort-George* to *Providence*, of making Carriages, &c. And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to sign the Lawful Money Bills, ordered to be emitted, presented unto this

Assembly the following Report and Account, by them charged against the Colony, *to wit* :

Report of the  
Committee  
who signed  
the Lawful  
Money Bills.

*To the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, to be holden at East-Greenwich, in and for the said Colony, on the second Monday in June, A. D. 1775.*

**I**N Pursuance of an Act passed by your Honors, at the last Session, we the Subscribers, with *Thomas Greene, Esq;* have signed the *Twenty Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money Bills, ordered to be emitted, consisting of Bills of the following Denominations, *to wit* :

2000	Bills of Forty Shillings each,	£ 4000
4000	of Thirty Shillings,	6000
4000	of Twenty Shillings,	4000
4000	of Ten Shillings,	2000
4000	of Five Shillings,	1000
4000	of Four Shillings,	800
4000	of Three Shillings,	600
6000	of Two Shillings,	600
10000	of One Shilling,	500
8000	of Nine Pence,	300
8000	of Six Pence,	200

£ 20000

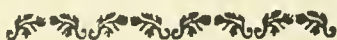
AND that we have delivered the said Bills to the General-Treasurer, of whom we have taken a Receipt in the Colony's Book, kept for that Purpose; in which Book we have also registred an exact Account of the Order of signing the same.

METCALF BOWLER,  
JOSEPH CLARKE,  
JOHN COLE,  
HENRY WARD.

THE Colony Debtor to *M. Bowler, J. Clarke, J. Cole, T. Greene, and H. Ward*, for our Services in signing the said Bills, at *Half per Cent.* £ 100.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That  
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the Account of the Committee be allowed ; and that *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Metcalf Bowler, Joseph Clarke, John Cole, Thomas Greene, and Henry Ward*, out of the General-Treasury.



*D. Wilkinſon*  
allowed  
£ 7 4 s.

WHEREAS *David Wilkinſon, Eſq;* exhibited unto this Aſſembly an Account, by him charged againſt the Colony, for overſeeing the Preſs, while ſtriking off the Lawful Money Bills ordered to be emitted : And the ſaid Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Reſolved*, That the ſame be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the ſaid *David Wilkinſon*, out of the General-Treasury.

Deputy-Gov-  
ernor to de-  
mand of *J.*  
*Wallace* the  
Packets ſtop-  
ped by him,  
&c.

*IT is Voted and Reſolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to write to *James Wallace, Eſq;* Commander of His Maſteſty's Ship *Roſe*, now in the Harbour of *Newport*, and demand of him the Reaſon of his Conduct towards the Inhabitants of this Colony, in ſtopping and detaining their Veſſels ; and alſo to demand of him the Packets which he detains.

*J. Carter*  
allowed  
£ 59 13 s. 5 d.

WHEREAS *Mr. John Carter* exhibited unto this Aſſembly an Account, by him charged againſt the Colony, for printing 58000 Lawful Money Bills, 1600 Inliſtments for the Army of Obſervation, the Proceedings of this Aſſembly at the Sessions in *April* and *May* laſt, &c. And the ſaid Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Reſolved*, That the ſame be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Fifty-nine Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the ſaid *John Carter*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee  
to audit the  
Accounts of  
the General-  
Treaſurer.

*IT is Voted and Reſolved*, That *Metcalf Bowler, Eſq;* *George Hazard, Eſq;* *Mr. John Wanton* (Son of *Gideon*) and *Mr. John Jenckes*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit

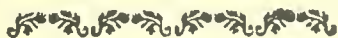
audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer with the Colony ; and to burn all the Lawful Money Bills and Notes, redeemed and paid by the General-Treasurer, which are now in his Hands : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Soldiers to  
take up One  
Third of their  
Wages only.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That no Soldier belonging to the Army of Observation, raised by this Colony, be allowed to take up of the Commissary any more than One Third Part of his monthly Wages for his own Use : And that whatever more the Commissary shall supply or pay to the Soldiers, shall be at his own Risque.

WHEREAS there is a Sum of Money due to the Colony from *Andrew Aldrich*, late Collector of Rates for the Town of *Johnston*, who hath enlisted into the Army of Observation, raised by this Colony, and prayed this Assembly to grant him longer Time for the Payment of the said Money : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Payment of the said Money be lengthened out until the First Day of *January* next ; he the said *Andrew Aldrich*, or his Bondsman, paying Interest for the same.

*A. Aldrich* allowed Time  
to pay the  
Money due to  
the Colony.



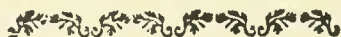
An ACT dividing the Company of Militia, in the Town of *Johnston*, into Two Companies.

WHEREAS the Company of Militia in the Town of *Johnston* labours under great Inconveniences, from the Largeness of its Extent, and the Number of its enrolled Soldiers, which would be obviated by dividing the same into Two separate Companies :

An dividing  
the Militia in  
*Johnston* into  
Two Companies.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the said Company be, and hereby is, divided into Two Companies, by a Line, beginning at *Tripp's Bridge*, upon *Wanasquatucket*

tucket River; thence following the Highway, until it comes to the Dividing of the Roads by *Richard Eddy's* Pot-Ash House; thence following the Course of the Highway, which leads over *Neuticonkinut-Hill*, until it comes to the House of *John Waterman*, Miller; and passing which, leaving the Highway, continues its Course still Westerly, so as to run about Sixty Rods to the Northward of *Daniel Sprague's* House; and after passing which, and bearing a little Southerly, extending Westerly, until it joins the *Scituate* Road Eighty Rods Easterly, from the House where *William Harris* now dwells; then following the Course of said Road or Highway, extends Westerly to the Eastern Line of the Town of *Scituate*: That all the Inhabitants upon the North of the said Line shall be One Company, and those upon the South of said Line shall be the other Company: And that those who live within the South-East Part shall be the First Company.



*J. Babcock*  
allowed  
£ 4 15 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS *Joshua Babcock*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Expences in attending upon the General Assembly of the Colony of *Connecticut*, in Pursuance of his Appointment by this Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joshua Babcock*, out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Sterling*  
allowed  
£ 3 4 s.

WHEREAS Doctor *Henry Sterling* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance, by Order of the Superior Court, upon *Daniel McCann*, a poor Prisoner, committed to Gaol, in the County of *Providence*, at the King's Suit, and curing his Wounds: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money thereof be allowed and paid the said *Henry Sterling*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS



WHEREAS Mr. *Ezekiel Burr* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to several Places, and upon several Occasions, by Order of this Assembly, of his Honor the Deputy-Governor, and of the Committee of Safety : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Five Pounds and Three Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ezekiel Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E Burr* allowed  
£ 5 3 d.

WHEREAS Messieurs *John Jenckes* and *John Mathewson* presented unto this Assembly an Account, charged by *Paul Tew*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, against the Colony, and the following Report thereon, to wit :

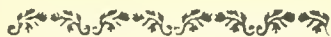
Report of the Committee upon *P. Tew's* Account, who is allowed  
£ 18 14 3 d.

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable General Assembly, to settle the Accounts of *Paul Tew*, Esq; having carefully examined the several Charges, and Vouchers produced, find the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Seven Pence* Lawful Money due to him. All which is submitted by

JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.  
JOHN MATHEWSON, }

*Providence, June 10, 1775*

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Seven Pence* Lawful Money be paid the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.



WHEREAS Messieurs *Jonathan Jeffers*, *Samuel Brown*, *J. Jeffers*, *S.* and *John Simpson*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for sweeping the Colony-House in *Newport*, and cutting Wood for the same, from *June 1774*, to *June 1775* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted*

*J. Jeffers*, *S. Brown*, and *J. Simpson*, allowed  
£ 2 8 s.

and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers, Samuel Brown, and John Simpson*, out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Peckham*  
allowed  
£ 2 3s. 3d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Henry Peckham* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials provided for, and Work done upon, the Colony-House in *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Two Pounds Three Shillings and Three Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Peckham*, out of the General-Treasury.

An Act regulat-  
ing the Al-  
lowance of  
the Soldiers  
in Camp.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Allowance to the Soldiers in Camp be as followeth, *to wit* : One Pound of Bread, One Pound of Beef or Pork, a *Half Penny* for Vegetables, Half a Jill of Rice, One Pint of Milk, and One Quart of Beer *per Day*, and One Pint of Melasses *per Week* : That once a Week, instead of Meat, they have a Pound of Fish, an Ounce of Butter, and Half a Pint of Vinegar : That if they have no Milk, they be allowed a Jill and an Half of Rice *per Day* : That if the *Half Penny per Day* for Vegetables be not sufficient, the Brigadier-General be empowered to increase the same to a sufficient Allowance : And that the Commissary furnish them with the same Quantity of Soap as is allowed by the Colony of the *Massachusetts-Bay* to their Troops.

Committee to  
burn the Old  
Tenor in the  
General-  
Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to receive of the General-Treasurer and burn the Old Tenor Bills of Credit in the General-Treasury, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby continued, a Committee for that Purpose : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*J. Jeffers and B. Wilbur* al-  
lowed  
17s. 7d. ½

WHEREAS Messieurs *Jonathan Jeffers and Benjamin Wilbur* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for repairing the Windows of the Gaol in the County of *Newport* : And

And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Seventeen Shillings and Seven Pence Half Penny* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers* and *Benjamin Wilbur*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the aforesaid *Jonathan Jeffers* and *Benjamin Wilbur* exhibited unto this Assembly another Account, by them charged against the Colony, for repairing the Windows of the Colony-House in *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers* and *Benjamin Wilbur*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Jeffers and B. Wilbur* allowed  
£ 3 12 s. 8 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. William Blodget* be, and he is hereby, appointed Secretary to the Army of Observation raised by this Colony; and that he be allowed the Wages of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money *per Month*.

*W. Blodget* appointed Secretary to the Army.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. James Gardner* be, and he is hereby, appointed Conductor of the Company called the Train of Artillery, in the Army of Observation raised by this Colony; and that he be allowed the Wages of *Two Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money *per Month*.

*J. Gardner* appointed Conductor of the Artillery.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Rules and Orders for regulating the Army of Observation raised by this Colony, be, and they are hereby, approved: And that the Secretary procure the same to be printed, and supply the Brigadier-General, each Field Officer, the Commissary, and each commissioned Officer, with a Copy thereof.

Rules and Orders regulating the Army.

WHEREAS the Lust of Power, which of old oppressed, persecuted and exiled our pious and virtuous Ancestors, from their fair Possessions in Britain, now pursues, with tenfold Severity, us, their guiltless Children, who are unjustly

unjustly and wickedly charged with Licentiousness, Sedition, Treason and Rebellion; and being deeply impressed with a Sense of the almost incredible Fatigues and Hardships our venerable Progenitors encountered, who fled from Oppression for the Sake of civil and religious Liberty for themselves and their Offspring, and began a Settlement here on bare Creation, at their own Expence; and having seriously considered the Duty we owe to God, to the Memory of such invincible Worthies, to the King, to Great-Britain, our Country, ourselves and Posterity, do think it an indispensable Duty, by all lawful Ways and Means in our Power, to recover, maintain, defend and preserve, the free Exercise of all those civil and religious Rights and Liberties, for which many of our Forefathers fought, bled, and died; and to hand them down entire, for the free Enjoyment of the latest Posterity: And whereas the keeping a standing Army in any of these Colonies in Times of Peace, without the Consent of the Legislature of that Colony in which such an Army is kept, is against Law: And whereas such an Army, with a large naval Force, is now placed in the Harbour of Boston, for the Purpose of subjecting us to the Power of the British Parliament: And whereas we are frequently told by the Tools of Administration, Dupes to ministerial Usurpation, that Great-Britain will not, in any Degree, relax in her Measures, until we acknowledge her "Right to make Laws binding upon us in all Cases whatsoever;" and that if we refuse to be Slaves; if we persist in our Denial of her Claim, the Dispute must be decided by Arms, in which it is said by our Enemies,—“We shall have no Chance, being undisciplined, Cowards, disobedient, impatient of Command, and possessed of that Spirit of levelling which admits of no Order, Subordination, Rule or Government:” And whereas, from the ministerial Army and Fleet now at Boston, the large Reinforcement of Troops expected, the late circular Letters to the Governors upon the Continent, the general Tenor of Intelligence from Great-Britain, and the hostile Preparations making here, as also from the Threats and frequent Insults of our Enemies, we have Reason to apprehend that the sudden Destruction of this Colony is in Contemplation, if not determined upon:

AND



*A N D* whereas the great Law of Self-Preservation hath required our raising and keeping an Army of Observation and Defence, in order to prevent or repel any farther Attempts to enforce the late cruel and oppressive Acts of the British Parliament, which are evidently designed to subject us, and the whole Continent, to the most ignominious Slavery: And whereas, in keeping such an Army, it will be necessary that the Officers and Soldiers in the same be fully acquainted with their Duty, and that the Articles, Rules, and Regulations thereof, be made as plain as possible; and having great Confidence in the Honor and public Virtue of the Inhabitants of this Colony, that they will readily obey their Officers, and will chearfully do their Duty, when known, without any such severe Articles and Rules (except in capital Cases) and cruel Punishments, as are usually practised in standing Armies, and will submit to all such Rules and Regulations as are founded in Reason, Honor and Virtue:

It is therefore Resolved, That the following Articles, Rules and Regulations, for the Army, raised by this Colony, for the Defence and Security of our Lives, Liberties, and Estates, be, and hereby are, established, and required to be strictly adhered to by all Officers, Soldiers, and others concerned, as they regard their own Honor and the public Good; and upon the Penalties and Forfeitures herein after mentioned.

ARTICLE I. All Officers and Soldiers, not having just Impediment, shall diligently frequent divine Service and Sermon, in the Places appointed for assembling of the Regiment, Troop, or Company, to which they belong; and such as wilfully absent themselves, or being present, behave indecently or irreverently, shall, if commissioned Officers, be brought before a regimental Court-Martial, there to be publicly and severely reprimanded by the President; if non-commissioned Officers, or Soldiers, every Person so offending shall for his first Offence forfeit *One Shilling*, to be deducted out of his Wages; for the second Offence he shall not only forfeit *One Shilling*, but be confined, not exceeding *Twenty-four Hours*; and for every like Offence shall suffer and pay in like Manner; which Money, so forfeited,



feited. shall be applied to the Use of the sick Soldiers of the Troop or Company to which the Offender belongs.

ART. 2. Whatsoever non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, shall use any unlawful Oath or Execration, shall incur the Penalty of *Six Pence*; and if a commissioned Officer be thus guilty of prophane Cursing and Swearing, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such Offence the Sum of *Nine Pence*, Lawful Money.

ART. 3. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall behave himself with Contempt or Disrespect towards the General or Generals, or Commander in Chief of the *Rhode-Island* Forces, or shall speak Words tending to his or their Hurt or Dishonor, shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Judgment of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 4. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall begin, excite, cause, or join in any Mutiny or Sedition, in the Regiment, Troop, or Company, to which he belongs, or in any other Regiment, Troop, or Company, of the *Rhode-Island* Forces, either by Land or Sea, or in any Party, Post, Detachment, or Guard, on any Pretence whatsoever, shall suffer such Punishment as by a general Court-Martial shall be ordered.

ART. 5. Any Officer, non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, who being present at any Mutiny, or Sedition, does not use his utmost Endeavours to suppress the same, or coming to the Knowledge of any Mutiny, or intended Mutiny, does not, without Delay, give Information thereof to the Commanding Officer, shall be punished by Order of a general Court-Martial, according to the Nature of his Offence.

ART. 6. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall strike his superior Officer, or draw, or offer to draw, or shall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence against him, being in the Execution of his Office, on any Pretence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful Commands of his superior Officer, shall suffer such Punishment as shall, according to the Nature of his Offence, be ordered by the Sentence of a general Court-Martial.

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ART. 7. Any non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, who shall desert, or, without Leave of his Commanding Officer, absent himself from the Troop or Company to which he belongs, or from any Detachment of the same, shall, upon being convicted thereof, be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, at the Discretion of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 8. Whatsoever Officer, or Soldier, shall be convicted of having advised or persuaded any other Officer or Soldier to desert, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 9. All Officers, of what Condition soever, shall have Power to part and quell all Quarrels, Frays, and Disorders, though the Persons concerned should belong to another Regiment, Troop, or Company, and either order Officers to be arrested, or non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers to be confined and imprisoned, till their proper superior Officers shall be acquainted therewith; and whoever shall refuse to obey such Officer (though of an inferior Rank) or shall draw his Sword upon him, shall be punished at the Discretion of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 10. No Officer or Soldier shall use any reproachful or provoking Speeches or Gestures to another; nor shall presume to send a Challenge to any Person to fight a Duel: And whoever shall knowingly and willingly suffer any Person whatsoever to go forth to fight a Duel; or shall second, promote, or carry any Challenge, shall be deemed as a Principal: And whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall upbraid another for refusing a Challenge, shall also be considered as a Challenger: And all such Offenders, in any of these or such like Cases, shall be punished at the Discretion of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 11. Every Officer, commanding in Quarters, or on a March, shall keep good Order, and, to the utmost of his Power, redress all such Abuses, or Disorders, which may be committed by any Officer or  
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Soldier under his Command : If upon any Complaint made to him of Officers or Soldiers beating, or otherwise ill-treating any Person, or of committing any Kind of Riot, to the disquieting of the Inhabitants of this Continent ; he the said Commander, who shall refuse or omit to see Justice done on the Offender or Offenders, and Reparation made to the Parry or Parties injured, as far as the Offenders Wages shall enable him or them, shall, upon due Proof thereof, be punished as ordered by a general Court-Martial, in such Manner as if he himself had committed the Crimes or Disorders complained of.

ART. 12. If any Officer shall think himself to be wronged by his Colonel, or the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, and shall, upon due Application made to him, be refused to be redressed, he may complain to the General, or Commander in Chief of the *Rhode-Island* Forces, in order to obtain Justice, who is hereby required to examine into said Complaint, and see that Justice be done.

ART. 13. If any inferior Officer, or Soldier, shall think himself wronged by his Captain, or other Officer, commanding the Troop or Company to which he belongs, he is to complain thereof to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, who is hereby required to summon a regimental Court-Martial, for the doing Justice to the Complainant ; from which regimental Court-Martial either Party may, if he thinks himself still aggrieved, appeal to a general Court-Martial ; but if, upon a second Hearing, the Appeal shall appear to be vexatious and groundless, the Person so appealing shall be punished at the Discretion of the general Court-Martial.

ART. 14. Whatsoever non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, shall be convicted, at a regimental Court-Martial, of having sold, or designedly, or through Neglect, wasted the Ammunition, Arms, or Provisions, or other military Stores, delivered out to him, to be employed in the Service of this Colony, shall, if an Officer, be reduced to a private Centinel ; and if a private

private Soldier, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by a regimental Court-Martial.

ART. 15. All non-commissioned Officers, and Soldiers, shall be allowed the Limits of one Mile from the Place of Encampment, unless the Commander in Chief shall think proper to mark out shorter Limitations:—Every Officer, or Soldier, found without those Limits, without Leave in Writing, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be inflicted by a regimental Court-Martial.

ART. 16. No Officer, or Soldier, shall lie out of his Quarters or Camp, without Leave from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, upon Penalty of being punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by Order of a regimental Court-Martial.

ART. 17. Every non-commissioned Officer, and Soldier, shall retire to his Quarters, or Tent, at the beating of the Retreat; in Default of which, he shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by Order of the Commanding Officer.

ART. 18. No Officer, non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, shall fail of repairing, at the Time fixed, to the Place of Parade or Exercise, or other Rendezvous, appointed by the Commanding Officer, if not prevented by Sickness, or some other evident Necessity, or shall go from the said Place of Rendezvous, or from his Guard, without Leave from his Commanding Officer, before he shall be regularly dismissed or relieved, on Penalty of being punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Sentence of a regimental Court-Martial.

ART. 19. Whatsoever commissioned Officer shall be found drunk on his Guard, Party or other Duty, under Arms, shall be cashiered for it; any non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, so offending, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a regimental Court-Martial.

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ART. 20. Whatsoever Centinel shall be found sleeping upon his Post, or shall leave it before he shall be regularly relieved, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 21. Any Person, belonging to the *Rhode-Island* Army, who, by discharging of Fire-Arms, beating of Drums, or by any other Means whatsoever, shall occasion false Alarms, in Camp or Quarters, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 22. Any Officer, or Soldier, who shall, without urgent Necessity, or without Leave of his superior Officer, quit his Platoon or Division, shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Sentence of a regimental Court-Martial.

ART. 23. No Officer, or Soldier, shall do Violence, or offer any Insult, or Abuse, to any Person who shall bring Provisions, or other Necessaries, to the Camp or Quarters of the *Rhode-Island* Army; any Officer or Soldier, so offending, shall, upon Complaint being made to the Commanding Officer, suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by a regimental Court-Martial.

ART. 24. Whatsoever Officer, or Soldier, shall shamefully abandon any Post committed to his Charge, or shall speak Words inducing others to do the like, in Time of an Engagement, shall suffer Death immediately.

ART. 25. Any Person belonging to the *Rhode-Island* Army, who shall make known the Watchword to any Person who is not entitled to receive it, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, or shall presume to give a Parole, or Watchword, different from what he received, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a general Court-Martial.

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ART. 26. Whosoever, belonging to the *Rhode-Island* Army, shall relieve the Enemy with Money, Victuals, or Ammunition; or shall knowingly harbour or protect an Enemy, shall suffer such Punishment as by a General Court-Martial shall be ordered.

ART. 27. Whosoever, belonging to the *Rhode-Island* Army, shall be convicted of holding Correspondence with, or of giving Intelligence to, the Enemy, either directly or indirectly, shall suffer such Punishment as by a general Court-Martial shall be ordered.

ART. 28. All public Stores, taken in the Enemy's Camp or Magazines, whether of Artillery, Ammunition, Cloathing or Provisions, shall be secured for the Use of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

ART. 29. If any Officer or Soldier shall leave his Post or Colours, in Time of an Engagement, to go in Search of Plunder, he shall, upon being convicted thereof before a general Court-Martial, suffer such Punishment as by said Court-Martial shall be ordered.

ART. 30. If any Commander of any Post, Intrenchment, or Fortrefs, shall be *compelled*, by the Officers or Soldiers under his Command, to give it up to the Enemy, or to abandon it, the commissioned Officer, non-commissioned Officers, or Soldiers, who shall be convicted of having so offended, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as may be inflicted upon them by the Sentence of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 31. All Sutlers and Retailers to a Camp, and all Persons whatsoever, serving with the *Rhode-Island* Army, in the Field, though not enlisted Soldiers, are to be subject to the Articles, Rules and Regulations, of the *Rhode-Island* Army.

ART. 32. No general Court-Martial shall consist of a less Number than Thirteen, none of which shall be under the Degree of a commissioned Officer; and the President shall be a Field-Officer: And the President of each and every Court-Martial, whether general or regimental,

mental, shall have Power to administer an Oath to every Witness, in order to the Trial of Offenders. And the Members of all Courts-Martial shall be duly sworn by the President; and the next in Rank on the Court-Martial shall administer the Oath to the President.

ART. 33. The Members, both of general and regimental Courts-Martial, shall, when belonging to different Corps, take the same Rank which they hold in the Army; but when Courts-Martial shall be composed of Officers of one Corps, they shall take their Ranks according to their Commissions, by which they are mustered in the said Corps.

ART. 34. All the Members of a Court-Martial are to behave with Calmness, Decency and Impartiality; and in the giving of their Votes, are to begin with the youngest or lowest in Commission.

ART. 35. No Field-Officer shall be tried by any Person under the Degree of a Captain; nor shall any Proceedings or Trials be carried on, excepting between the Hours of Eight in the Morning, and Three in the Afternoon, except in Cases which require an immediate Example.

ART. 36. The commissioned Officers of every Regiment may, by the Appointment of their Colonel, or Commanding Officer, hold regimental Courts-Martial, for the enquiring into such Disputes, or criminal Matters, as may come before them, and for the inflicting corporal Punishments for small Offences, and shall give Judgment by the Majority of Voices; but no Sentence shall be executed till the Commanding Officer (not being a Member of the Court-Martial) shall have confirmed the same.

ART. 37. No regimental Court-Martial shall consist of less than Five Officers, excepting in Cases where that Number cannot be conveniently assembled, when Three may be sufficient; who are likewise to determine upon the Sentence by the Majority of Voices; which  
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Sentence is to be confirmed by the Commanding Officer, not being a Member of the Court-Martial.

ART. 38. Every Officer, commanding in any Fort, Castle, or Barrack, or elsewhere, where the Corps under his Command consists of Detachments from different Regiments, or of independent Companies, may assemble Courts-Martial for the Trial of Offenders, in the same Manner as if they were regimental, whose Sentence is not to be executed till it shall be confirmed by the said Commanding Officer.

ART. 39. No Person whatsoever shall use menacing Words, Signs or Gestures, in the Presence of a Court-Martial, then sitting, or shall cause any Disorder or Riot, so as to disturb their Proceeding, on the Penalty of being punished at the Discretion of the said Court-Martial.

ART. 40. To the End that Offenders may be brought to Justice; whenever any Officer or Soldier shall commit a Crime deserving Punishment, he shall, by his Commanding Officer, if an Officer, be put in Arrest; if a non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, be imprisoned, till he shall be either tried by a Court-Martial, or shall be lawfully discharged by proper Authority.

ART. 41. No Officer, or Soldier, who shall be put in Arrest or Imprisonment, shall continue in his Confinement more than eight Days, or till such Time as a Court-Martial can be conveniently assembled.

ART. 42. No Officer commanding a Guard, or Provost-Marshal, shall refuse to receive or keep any Prisoner committed to his Charge, by an Officer belonging to the *Rhode-Island* Forces; which Officer shall at the same Time deliver an Account in Writing, signed by himself, of the Crime with which the said Prisoner is charged.

ART. 43. No Officer commanding a Guard, or Provost-Marshal, shall presume to release any Prisoner committed

committed to his Charge, without proper Authority for so doing; nor shall he suffer any Prisoner to escape, on the Penalty of being punished for it, by the Sentence of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 44. Every Officer, or Provost-Marshal, to whose Charge Prisoners shall be committed, is hereby required, within Twenty-four Hours after such Commitment, or as soon as he shall be relieved from his Guard, to give in Writing to the Colonel of the Regiment to whom the Prisoner belongs (where the Prisoner is confined upon the Guard belonging to the said Regiment, and that his Offence only relates to the Neglect of Duty in his own Corps) or to the Commander in Chief, their Names, their Crimes, and the Names of the Officers who committed them, on the Penalty of being punished for his Disobedience or Neglect, at the Discretion of a general Court-Martial.

ART. 45. And if any Officer under Arrest shall leave his Confinement before he is set at Liberty by the Officer who confined him, or by a superior Power, he shall be cashiered for it.

ART. 46. Whatsoever commissioned Officer shall be convicted, before a general Court-Martial, of behaving in a scandalous, infamous Manner, such as is unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, shall be discharged from the Service.

ART. 47. All Officers, Conductors, Gunners, Matrosses, Drivers, or any other Persons whatsoever, receiving Pay or Hire, in the Service of the *Rhode-Island* Artillery, shall be governed by the aforesaid Rules and Articles, and shall be subject to be tried by Courts-Martial, in like Manner with the Officers and Soldiers of the *Rhode-Island* Troops.

ART. 48. For Differences arising amongst themselves, or in Matters relating solely to their own Corps, the Courts-Martial may be composed of their own Officers; but where a Number sufficient of such Officers cannot be assembled, or in Matters wherein other Corps

Corps are interested, the Officers of Artillery shall sit in Courts-Martial with the Officers of the other Corps.

ART. 49. All Crimes not capital, and all Disorders and Neglects which Officers and Soldiers may be guilty of, to the Prejudice of good Order and military Discipline, though not mentioned in the Articles of War, are to be taken Cognizance of by a general or regimental Court-Martial, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence, and be punished at their Discretion.

ART. 50. No Courts-Martial shall order any Offender to be whipped, or receive more than Thirty-nine Stripes for any one Offence.

ART. 51. The Field-Officers of each and every Regiment are to appoint some suitable Person, belonging to such Regiment, to receive all such Fines as may arise within the same, for any Breach of any of the foregoing Articles, and shall direct the same to be carefully and properly applied to the Relief of such sick, wounded, or necessitous Soldiers as belong to such Regiment; and such Person shall account with such Officer for all Fines received, and the Application thereof.

ART. 52. All Members sitting in Courts-Martial shall be sworn by the President of said Courts, which President shall himself be sworn by the Officer in said Court next in Rank.—The Oath to be administered previous to their proceeding to the Trial of any Offender, in Form following, *to wit* :

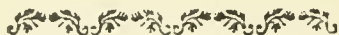
*“ YOU A. B. swear that you will well and truly try, and impartially determine, the Cause of the Prisoner now to be tried, according to the Rules for regulating the Rhode-Island Army. So help you God.”*

ART. 53. All Persons called to give Evidence in any Case, before a Court-Martial, who shall refuse to give Evidence, shall be punished for such Refusal at the Discretion of such Court-Martial: The Oath to be administered in the Form following, *to wit* :

*“ YOU*



" *YOU swear the Evidence you shall give, in the Case now in Hearing, shall be the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth. So help you God.*"



Two armed  
Vessels to be  
equipped, for  
protecting the  
Trade of the  
Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety be, and they are hereby, directed to charter two suitable Vessels, for the Use of the Colony, and fit out the same in the best Manner, to protect the Trade of this Colony: That the said Vessels be at the Risk of the Colony, and be appraised, before they are chartered, by Messieurs *Joseph Anthony, Rufus Hopkins, and Cromel Child*, or any two of them; who are also to agree for the Hire of the said Vessels: That the largest of the said Vessels be manned with Eighty Men, exclusive of Officers, and be equipped with Ten Guns, Four-Pounders, Fourteen Swivel Guns; a sufficient Number of Small-Arms, and all necessary warlike Stores: That the small Vessel be manned with a Number not exceeding Thirty Men: That the Whole be included in the Number of Fifteen Hundred Men, ordered to be raised in this Colony, and be kept in Pay until the First Day of *December* next, unless discharged before by Order of the General Assembly: That they receive the same Bounty and Pay as the Land Forces, excepting that the First and Second Lieutenants, and Master, receive the same Pay as the First Lieutenant of the Land Forces, and the under or petty Officers the same as the Serjeants of the Army: And that the Lieutenant-General, Brigadier-General, and Committee of Safety, or the major Part of them, have the Power of directing and ordering said Vessels; and, in case it shall appear to them that the Officers and Men of the said Vessels can be more serviceable on Shore than at Sea, to order them on Shore, to defend the Sea-Ports in this Colony.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the following Officers be, and are hereby, appointed to command the said Vessels, *to wit*:

Of the largest Vessel,

*Abraham Whipple*, Commander, with the Rank and Power of Commodore of both Vessels.

*John*

*John Grimes*, First Lieutenant.  
*Benjamin Seabury*, Second Lieutenant.  
*William Bradford*, of *Providence*, Master.  
*Ebenezer Flagg*, Quarter-Master, at the Wages of  
 Four Pounds Lawful Money per Month.  
 Of the smallest Vessel,  
*Christopher Whipple*, Commander.  
*William Rhodes*, Lieutenant.

WHEREAS *William Potter*, Esq; presented unto this  
 Assembly the following Memorial, *to wit* :

*To the Honorable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Colony  
 of Rhode-Island, at the Session to be holden in East-  
 Greenwich, on the Second Monday in June, A. D.  
 1775.*

**I** WILLIAM POTTER, of *South-Kingston*, *W. Potter's*  
 in the County of *King's County*, in the Colony aforesaid, Memorial.  
 humbly shew, That at a Session of the General Assembly  
 held at *Providence*, on the Twenty-second Day of  
*April* last, an Act was passed for the raising, with all  
 Expedition and Dispatch, Fifteen Hundred Men, as an  
 Army of Observation, to repel any Insult or Violence  
 that might be offered to the Inhabitants; and also, if ne-  
 cessary for the Safety and Preservation of the Colonies,  
 to march out of this Colony, and join and co-operate  
 with the Forces of the neighbouring Colonies; against  
 which Act I, as one of the Upper House of Assembly,  
 together with *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; the then Governor,  
*Darius Sessions*, Esq; the then Deputy-Governor, and  
*Thomas Wickes*, Esq; then also one of the same Upper  
 House, did enter my Protest; which hath given much  
 Uneasiness to the good People of this Colony. To re-  
 move which, so far as respects myself, and as far as in  
 me lieth, I beg Leave to observe, that a rough Draught  
 was drawn up, and delivered to a Person to be corrected;  
 which Protest, as the same now stands, appears to me to  
 be of a different Import from my Meaning at that Time,  
 and which, through the Hurry attending the Business  
 before the House, was not so properly attended to as it  
 might have been, and in that Haste was signed. It is  
 true, I was against the passing of the said Act at that  
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Time, as I conceived the Trade, and particularly the Town of *Newport*, would be greatly distressed, which a little longer Time might prevent; and because it was known that the very respectable Assembly of the Colony of *Connecticut* would soon sit, of whose wise Deliberations we might greatly avail ourselves. These were the true Reasons of my Conduct, however the contrary may appear from the Protest signed.—No Man hath ever been more deeply impressed with the Calamities to which *America* is reduced, by a most corrupt Administration, than myself. No Man hath more exerted himself in private and public Life to relieve ourselves from our Oppressions; and no Man hath held himself more ready to sacrifice his Life and Fortune in the arduous Struggles now making throughout *America*, for the Preservation of our just Rights and Liberties; and in these Sentiments I am determined to live and die.—Sorry I am, if any of the good People of this Colony should have conceived otherwise of me; and I greatly lament, that the unguarded Expressions in that Protest should give Cause therefor. Should I from thence lose the Confidence, just Hopes and Expectations, of my Countrymen, of my future Conduct in the arduous *American* Struggles, it might create an Uneasiness of Mind for which nothing can ever compensate. But should this public Declaration ease the Minds of my Friends, and the Friends of Liberty, and convince them of my Readiness to embark, to conflict, with them in every Difficulty, and against every Opposition, until our glorious Cause shall be established upon the most firm and permanent Basis, it will be a Consideration that will afford me the highest Satisfaction that human Nature is capable of enjoying.

*I am your Honors most humble Servant,*  
WILLIAM POTTER.

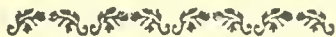
AND the said Memorial being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted: That it is satisfactory; and that the said *William Potter* be, and he is hereby, reinstated in the Favour of this General Assembly.

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An ACT dividing the Regiment of  
Militia in the County of *King's County*  
into Two Regiments.

WHEREAS the Militia in the County of *King's* Act dividing  
*County* hath so greatly increased, that it is suffi- the Regi-  
cient to form Two Regiments ; and the said County is ment in  
so extensive, that it is burthenfome for the Inhabitants *King's County*  
to meet together upon any general Muster : into Two.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and  
by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Militia  
in the said County of King's County be, and the same is  
hereby, divided into Two Regiments: And that the  
Militia in the Towns of Westerly, Charlestown and Hop-  
kinton, compose the First Regiment; and the Militia  
in the Towns of North-Kingstown, South-Kingstown, Ex-  
eter and Richmond, compose the Second Regiment.*



An ACT dividing the Regiment of  
Militia in the County of *Kent* into  
Two Regiments.

WHEREAS the Militia in the County of *Kent* Act dividing  
is sufficiently large to compose Two Regiments ; the Regi-  
and it is inconvenient for the Inhabitants who live in the ment in the  
upper Part of the said Regiment to attend upon general County of  
Muster-Days : *Kent* into  
Two.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and  
by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the said Re-  
giment be, and hereby is, divided into Two Regi-  
ments : And that the Militia in the Towns of Warwick  
and East-Greenwich compose the First Regiment ; and  
the Militia in the Towns of West-Greenwich and Covent-  
ry compose the Second Regiment.*

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Officers chosen.

BOTH Houses being resolved in a Grand Committee, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to serve the Colony in the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit* :

<i>Stephen Hopkins, Esq;</i>	Chief	} Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in and throughout the Colony.
<i>Metcalf Bowler, Esq;</i>	Second	
<i>William Greene, Esq;</i>	Third	
<i>Joseph Russell, Esq;</i>	Fourth	
<i>Job Bennet, Esq;</i>	Fifth	

*William Bradford, Esq;* Major-General of the Forces of this Colony.

*John Malbone, Esq;* Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*James Angell, Esq;* Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Joseph Noyes, Esq;* Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

*Nathaniel Martin, Esq;* Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*John Waterman, Esq;* Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Chad Brown, Esq;* Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Robert Brown, Esq;* Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

*Stephen Potter, Esq;* Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Christopher Lippitt, Esq;* Colonel of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*George Champlin, Esq;* Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Jabez Bowen, Esq;* Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Jesse Champlin, Esq;* Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

*Thomas Gray, Esq;* Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

*John Low, Esq;* Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Elisha Mowrey, jun. Esq;* Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*George*



George Peirce, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Nathaniel Brown, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

John Colwell, jun. Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

John Cooke, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

John Innis Clark, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Jesse Maxson, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Benjamin Bosworth, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Joseph Fry, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

John Fisk, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Joshua Davis, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's County*.

Archibald Kaffon, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Joseph Knight, Esq; Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

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John Jepson, Esq;	Second	
John Barker, Esq;	Third	
Thomas Church, Esq;	Fourth	
Benjamin Underwood, Esq;	Fifth	

Ambrose Page, Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> .
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Rufus Hopkins, Esq;	Third	
Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;	Fourth	
Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;	Fifth	

William Potter, Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's County</i> .
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Sylvester Robinson, Esq;	Third	
John Northup, Esq;	Fourth	
Carder Hazard, Esq;	Fifth	

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June, 1775.

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*Martin Luther*, Esq; Second } Court of Common Pleas,  
*James Brown*, Esq; Third } and General Sessions of  
*Joseph Reynolds*, Esq; Fourth } the Peace, within and for  
*Josiah Humphrey*, Esq; Fifth } the County of *Bristol*.

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*James Arnold*, Esq; Second } Court of Common Pleas,  
*Gideon Mumford*, Esq; Third } and General Sessions of  
*John Low*, Esq; Fourth } the Peace, within and for  
*Benjamin Tillinghast*, Esq; Fifth } the County of *Kent*.

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*Daniel Howland*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

*Edward*

*Edward Thurston, John Jepson, Samuel Chace, and James Arnold, jun.* Esquires, the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, for signing Bills of public Credit.

AND the aforesaid *Edward Thurston* is chosen, and specially appointed, to take and have the Care and Charge of the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds for Tenths; and to receive the Money due, and to be due, thereon; and also to make proper Acquittances and Discharges upon the Mortgages, or otherwise, when he receives any of the Colony's Money: And in case of Non-Payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as refuse or neglect to make due Payment.

AND the same *Edward Thurston* is chosen General-Sealer of Weights and Measures throughout the Colony.

*Samuel Chace, Esq;* Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

JUSTICES of the PEACE in the several Towns.

NEWPORT :

Henry Ward,  
John Grelea, *jun.*  
John Davis,  
James Clarke,  
Daniel Dunham,  
Jonathan Rogers,  
John Pitman,  
William Channing,  
Billings Coggeshall, *Esquires.*

PROVIDENCE :

Samuel Chace,  
John Foster,  
David Wilkinson,  
Jabez Bowen,  
Arthur Fenner, *jun.*  
James Black,  
Theodore Foster, *Esquires.*

PORTSMOUTH :

John Shearman,  
Robert Dennis,  
Thomas Shearman, *jun. Esqrs.*

WARWICK :

Thomas Rice,  
Robert Rhodes,  
Adam Comstock,  
Reuben Wightman,  
William Greene (*Son of Philip*) *Esquires.*

WESTERLY :

Joseph Crandall,  
Stephen Saunders,  
Joseph Clarke,  
Ichabod Babcock, *jun.*  
Samuel Berry, *Esquires.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

William Hammond,  
Eber Shearman,  
Thomas Allen, *jun.*  
George Thomas (*Son of Samuel*)

Charles Tillinghast,  
Caleb Hill,  
Joshua Davis,

Samuel

Samuel Hunt, *jun. Esquires.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Nathaniel Gardner,

Freeman Perry,

Samuel Perry,

James Parker,

Samuel Tefit,

Daniel Rodman,

Job Watſon,

Caleb Tefit, *Esquires.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Hopkins Cooke,

Alexander Nichols,

Allen Johnson,

John Langford, *jun.*

John Briggs, *jun.*

Sylvester Greene, *Esquires.*

SMITHFIELD :

Stephen Arnold,

Daniel Smith (*Son of Elifha*)

Uriah Albertſon,

Ichabod Comſtock,

Daniel Comſtock,

Gideon Mowry,

Jeremiah Winſor, *Esquires.*

SCITUATE :

William Weſt,

Jeremiah Angell,

Thomas Hill,

Peleg Fiſk,

Thomas Harris,

Samuel Dorrance,

Stephen Smith, *Esquires.*

GLOUCESTER :

Timothy Wilmarth,

Silas Williams,

Jonathan Harris,

Israel Arnold,

Zebedee Hopkins, *jun.*

Mofes Cooper,

Caleb Arnold, *Esquires.*

CHARLESTOWN :

Peleg Crofs,

Stephen Perry,

Tobias Saunders,

Jonathan Hazard,

George Hazard Peckham,

Ephraim Browning, *Esquires.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Judiah Aylworth,

Gideon Tripp,

Thomas Tillinghaſt,

Thomas Gorton,

John Hall,

Benjamin Johnſon, *Esquires.*

COVENTRY :

John Rice,

Samuel Wall,

Joſeph Whipple,

Nathan Goffe,

William Stone, *Esquires.*

EXETER :

George Pierce,

Nicholas Gardner, *jun.*

David Lillibridge,

Robert Crandall,

Samuel Gorton, *Esquires.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Joſeph Peabody,

Thomas Peckham,

Joſeph Rider, *Esquires.*

BRISTOL :

Daniel Bradford,

Joſiah Finney,

Richard Pearce, *Esquires.*

TIVERTON :

John Bowen,

Walter Cooke,

Benjamin Hamblin,

Gilbert Deval, *Esquires.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Israel Stoddard,

Aaron Wilbur,

Philip Taylor,

John Peckham, *Esquires.*

WARREN :

John Kinnicut,

John Child (*the Second*) *Eſqrs.*

CUMBERLAND :

CUMBERLAND :	Nathan Burdick,
John Dexter,	Edward Wells,
Joseph Brown,	Benjamin Randall,
Peter Darling,	Francis West,
Nathaniel Shepperdson, <i>Esqrs.</i>	Rowse Babcock, <i>Esquires.</i>
RICHMOND :	JOHNSTON :
Edward Perry,	Abranam Belknap,
George Webb,	Noah Mathewson,
Robert Stanton,	Caleb Harris,
Joseph Woodmanfie, <i>jun.</i>	Peleg Williams,
<i>Esquires.</i>	Andrew Harris, <i>Esquires.</i>
CRANSTON :	NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
Thomas Potter ( <i>Son of John</i> )	Edward Tripp,
Job Manchester,	Thomas Whipple,
Ezekiel Warner,	Hope Angell, <i>Esquires.</i>
Antnony Aborn, <i>Esquires.</i>	BARRINGTON :
HOPKINTON :	Solomon Towniend, <i>jun.</i>
John Maxson, <i>jun.</i>	Moses Tyler,
Thomas Wells, <i>jun.</i>	Elkanah Humphrey, <i>Esquires.</i>

*Officers to command the several Trained Bands, or Companies of Militia, in the Colony.*

PORTSMOUTH :	WESTERLY :
<i>First Company,</i>	<i>First Company,</i>
Burrington Anthony, <i>Capt.</i>	Thomas Thompion, <i>Captain.</i>
David Gifford, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Joseph Pendleton, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
Stephen Borden, <i>Ensign.</i>	Joshua Pendleton, <i>Ensign.</i>
WARWICK :	<i>Second Company,</i>
<i>First Company,</i>	John Gayet, <i>Captain.</i>
Abraham Lockwood, <i>Capt.</i>	Stephen Saunders, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>
Sylvester Wickes, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	William Bliven, <i>Ensign.</i>
Job Randall, <i>Ensign.</i>	NEW-SHOREHAM <i>Company :</i>
<i>Second Company,</i>	John Sands, <i>Captain.</i>
Reuben Wightman, <i>Captain.</i>	Samuel Rathbun, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>
Squire Milward, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	William Littlefield, <i>Ensign.</i>
James Jarauld, <i>Ensign.</i>	NORTH-KINGSTOWN :
<i>Third Company,</i>	<i>First Company,</i>
Thomas Rice ( <i>Son of Thomas</i> )	Thomas Clarke, <i>Captain.</i>
<i>Captain.</i>	John Manchester, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
Anthony Holden ( <i>Son of</i>	William Reynolds, <i>Ensign.</i>
Charles) <i>Lieutenant.</i>	<i>Second Company,</i>
Strukely Stafford, <i>jun. Ensign.</i>	Thomas Cole, <i>Captain.</i>
P	Charles



Charles Dyre, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Simon Smith, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
William Taylor, <i>Ensign.</i>	John Eddy, <i>Ensign.</i>
<i>Third Company,</i>	<i>Second Company,</i>
Thomas Bissell, <i>jun. Captain.</i>	Samuel Mayes, <i>Captain.</i>
Timothy Deane, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Ezekiel Phettiplace, <i>Lieut.</i>
Robert Potter, <i>Ensign.</i>	Daniel Mathewson, <i>Ensign.</i>
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :	<i>Third Company,</i>
<i>First Company,</i>	Abraham Winsor, <i>Captain.</i>
Samuel Seagar, <i>Captain.</i>	Stephen Pain, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
Gideon Babcock, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Richard Lewis, <i>Ensign.</i>
Daniel Williams, <i>Ensign.</i>	<i>Fourth Company,</i>
<i>Second Company,</i>	Stephen Winsor, <i>Captain.</i>
Abial Brown, <i>Captain.</i>	Aaron Arnold, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
James Parker, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Isaac Rofs, <i>Ensign.</i>
Barber Peckham, <i>Ensign.</i>	CHARLESTOWN <i>Company,</i>
EAST-GREENWICH :	Thomas Sheffield, <i>Captain.</i>
<i>First Company,</i>	Jonathan Macomber, <i>Lieut.</i>
Nathaniel Gardner, <i>Captain.</i>	Caleb Crandal, <i>Ensign.</i>
Ebenezer Spenser, <i>Lieut.</i>	WEST-GREENWICH :
William Hall, <i>Ensign.</i>	<i>First Company,</i>
<i>Second Company,</i>	Eleazar Carr, <i>Captain.</i>
Allen Johnston, <i>Captain.</i>	Abel Greene, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
Michael Spencer, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Abel Mathewson ( <i>the Second</i> )
Stephen Greene, <i>Ensign.</i>	<i>Ensign.</i>
SCITUATE :	<i>Second Company,</i>
<i>First Company,</i>	Jeremiah Austin, <i>Captain.</i>
Peleg Fisk, <i>Captain.</i>	Benjamin Gorton, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
Nathan Relph, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Joseph Weaver, <i>Ensign.</i>
Nathan Bates, <i>Ensign.</i>	<i>Third Company,</i>
<i>Third Company,</i>	John Mathewson, <i>jun. Capt.</i>
Stephen Kimball, <i>Captain.</i>	Josiah Mathewson, <i>Lieut.</i>
Joseph Davis, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Samuel Reynolds, <i>Ensign.</i>
James Williams, <i>Ensign.</i>	EXETER :
<i>Fourth Company,</i>	<i>First Company,</i>
Jeremiah Davis, <i>Captain.</i>	Christopher Champlin, <i>Capt.</i>
Isaac Hopkins, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Abel Fowler, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
Oziel Smith, <i>Ensign.</i>	Isaiah Wilcox, <i>Ensign.</i>
<i>Fifth Company,</i>	<i>Second Company,</i>
Samuel Wilbur, <i>Captain.</i>	John Hoxsie, <i>Captain.</i>
Thomas Field, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	George Sweet, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
William Potter, <i>Ensign.</i>	Eber Shearman, <i>Ensign.</i>
GLOUCESTER :	BRISTOL <i>Company :</i>
<i>First Company,</i>	Jeremiah Ingraham, <i>Captain.</i>
Benajah Whipple, <i>Captain.</i>	Stephen Smith, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
	Hezekiah

Hezekiah Munro, <i>Ensign.</i>	Nathaniel Carpenter, <i>Lieut.</i>
TIVERTON :	John Harris, <i>Ensign.</i>
First Company,	Third Company,
Christopher Manchester, <i>Capt.</i>	Edward Knight, <i>Captain.</i>
Isaac Cooke, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	William Field (the Second)
Philip Manchester, <i>Ensign.</i>	<i>Lieutenant.</i>
Second Company,	Joseph Potter, <i>Ensign.</i>
Benjamin Durfee, <i>Captain.</i>	HOPKINTON :
Ebenezer Slocum, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	First Company,
Jonathan Deval, <i>Ensign.</i>	Barker Wells, <i>Captain.</i>
LITTLE-COMPTON Company,	Oliver Babcock, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>
George Simmons, <i>Captain.</i>	Elnathan Wells, <i>Ensign.</i>
Samuel Gray, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Second Company,
David Cooke, <i>Ensign.</i>	George Thurston, <i>jun. Capt.</i>
WARREN Company,	Matthew Randall, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
Amos Haile, <i>Captain.</i>	Randall Wells, <i>Ensign.</i>
John Ormsbee, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	JOHNSTON :
Smith Bowen, <i>Ensign.</i>	First Company,
CUMBERLAND :	Richard Thornton, <i>Captain.</i>
First Company,	Richard Fenner, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>
Enoch Weatherhead, <i>Capt.</i>	Daniel Sprague, <i>jun. Ensign.</i>
Elisha Waterman, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	Second Company,
Benjamin Wilkinson, <i>Ensign.</i>	Emmor Olney, <i>Captain.</i>
Second Company,	Daniel Angell, <i>Lieutenant.</i>
Levi Tower, <i>Captain.</i>	Laban Waterman, <i>Ensign.</i>
Elias Philbrook, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	NORTH-PROVIDENCE Compa-
Levi Ballou, <i>Ensign.</i>	<i>ny,</i>
CRANSTON :	Job Olney, <i>Captain.</i>
First Company,	Charles Olney, <i>jun. Lieut.</i>
John King, <i>jun. Captain.</i>	Eleazar Jenckes, <i>Ensign.</i>
Anthony Potter, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	BARRINGTON Company,
Josiah Potter, <i>Ensign.</i>	Thomas Allen, <i>Captain.</i>
Second Company,	Samuel Bosworth, <i>Lieut.</i>
Frederick Williams, <i>Captain.</i>	Vial Allen, <i>Ensign.</i>

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That this General Assembly will join with the other Colonies in establishing Post-Offices and Post-Riders, in order to preserve an Intercourse between the different Colonies, which will prove so beneficial to the Public as well as to Individuals: And that this Colony will, for the present, defray the Expence of Post-Riders throughout this Colony, upon the usual Post-Road.

June, 1775.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That Post-Offices be, and hereby are, established at the following Places, *to wit* :  
 At *Newport, Providence, Bristol, Warren, Tower Hill*, in *South-Kingstown*, and *Westerly* : And that the following Persons be, and hereby are, appointed Post-Masters, *to wit* :

For *Newport*, Mr. *Nathaniel Otis*.

*Providence*, Mr. *John Carter*.

*Bristol*, Mr. *Jonathan Russell*.

*Warren*, Mr. *Shubael Burr*.

*Tower-Hill*, Mr. *Ray Sands*.

*Westerly*, Mr. *Joshua Babcock*.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Rates and Duties for Postage of Letters be as follow, *to wit* :

For any Distance not exceeding 60 Miles, £ 0 0 5 $\frac{1}{4}$

Upwards of 60 Miles, and not exceeding  
 100 Miles, — — 0 0 8

Upwards of 100 Miles, and not exceeding  
 200 Miles, — — 0 0 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Upwards of 200 Miles, and not exceeding  
 300 Miles, — — 0 1 1

Upwards of 300 Miles, and not exceeding  
 400 Miles, — — 0 1 4

Upwards of 400 Miles, and not exceeding  
 500 Miles, — — 0 1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$

Upwards of 500 Miles, and not exceeding  
 600 Miles, — — 0 1 9

Upwards of 600 Miles, and not exceeding  
 700 Miles, — — 0 2 0

Upwards of 700 Miles, and not exceeding  
 800 Miles, — — 0 2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Upwards of 800 Miles, and not exceeding  
 900 Miles, — — 0 2 5

Upwards of 900 Miles, and not exceeding  
 1000 Miles, — — 0 2 8

THE above Rates to be paid in Lawful Money of this Colony, and are for the Postage of a single Letter. They are to be doubled for all double Letters, trebled for all treble Letters; and for every Ounce Weight four Times so much is to be charged as for a single Letter.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Peter Mumford* be, and he is hereby, appointed the Post-Rider from *Newport to Providence*; and Mr. *Benjamin Mumford* the Post-

Post-Rider from *Newport* to *New-London*: And that they neither receive nor deliver any Letters from any Post-Office heretofore established in this Colony.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Joshua Babcock, John Jenckes, William Bradford, and Joseph Anthony*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to agree with the Post-Masters and Post-Riders for their Service; and to give Directions for the setting off and Returns of the Post-Riders: And that the Post-Masters account to the said Committee for what they shall receive.

*IT is further Voted and Resolved*, That all Letters which the Post-Rider for the Time being may receive, directed for the Town of *Boston*, shall be first Post-paid, and submitted to the Examination of the Commander in Chief of the *American Forces* at *Cambridge*, or of a Committee that may be appointed by the Provincial Congress of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, before they are permitted to go into *Boston*; and that all Letters coming out of *Boston* be submitted to the like Examination.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That this Act shall continue in Force until this Assembly shall make some further Order relative to the same.

WHEREAS *Simeon Potter*, Esq; and Mr. *Daniel Owen*, Report upon who were appointed a Committee to audit the Account of Colonel *Daniel Tillinghast*, against the Colony, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, and the following Report thereon, *to wit*:

*D. Tillinghast's Account, who is allowed,*  
£ 176 3 1.

WE the Subscribers, in Pursuance of our Appointment, have examined the Account of Colonel *Daniel Tillinghast*, against the Colony, for Six Artillery Carriages, including all the Bills for the same; and find them to amount, in the Whole, to *One Hundred and Seventy-six Pounds Three Shillings* Lawful Money, which we find due to the said *Daniel Tillinghast*.

SIMEON POTTER,  
DANIEL OWEN.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted; and that the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy-six Pounds Three Shillings* Lawful Money, therein mentioned,

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ed, be paid the said *Daniel Tillinghast*, out of the General-Treasury.

The Deputy-Governor's Letter to *J. Wallace*, and the Answer, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Letter written by his Honor the Deputy-Governor to *James Wallace, Esq;* Commander of His Majesty's Ship *Rose*, and Captain *Wallace's Answer*, be published in the next *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*.

£ 10,000 ordered to be emitted. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ten Thousand Pounds*, in Lawful Money Bills of Credit, be struck off, for the Use of the Colony: That the same Proportion of the different Bills be printed: That they be signed by the same Persons who signed the former Emission, and in the same Manner: That they be completed and lodged in the General-Treasury as soon as may be: And that the Committee for signing the Bills procure the Paper.

Officers of the *Providence* Light-Infantry. THE Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of Light-Infantry in the County of *Providence* was read in Council, and is as follows, *to wit*:

*John Mathewson*, Captain.

*Jonathan Ellis*, First Lieutenant.

*Thomas Truman*, Second Lieutenant.

*Asa Franklin*, Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and hereby are, approved.

Officers of the *Gloucester* Light-Infantry. THE Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of Light-Infantry in the Town of *Gloucester* was read in Council, and is as follows, *to wit*:

*Timothy Wilmarth, jun.* Captain.

*David Richmond*, First Lieutenant.

*Enos Smith*, Second Lieutenant.

*Abram Tourtellot*, Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and hereby are, approved.

Officers of the *Scituate* Hunters. THE Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of *Scituate* Hunters, in the Town of *Scituate*, was read in Council, and is as follows, *to wit*:

*Joseph*



Joseph Kimball, jun. Captain.  
Gideon Cornell, First Lieutenant.  
Jonathan Smith, Second Lieutenant.  
Bertram Rounds, Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and hereby are, approved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed and fully empowered, to issue out Warrants of Distress immediately against all the Town-Treasurers of those Towns which have not paid their Proportions of the last Colony Rate : And that the said Warrants be returnable in one Month, with Interest.

General-Treasurer to issue Warrants against the Town-Treasurers.

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## An A C T to prevent Desertion from the Army of Observation.

WHEREAS some of the Soldiers of the Army of Observation, raised by this Colony, have shamefully deserted from the Encampment upon Jamaica Plains, in the Colony of the Massachusetts-Bay : For the Prevention whereof for the future,

Act to prevent Desertion from the Army of Observation.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That a Reward of Thirty Shillings Lawful Money be given and paid for the apprehending and securing any Soldier, in the Pay of this Colony, who shall desert from his Place of Encampment, Detachment, or other Post he may be stationed at : And that every Soldier so apprehended be sent back to his Post or Place of Encampment, and delivered up to the Commanding Officer, to be punished as the Law for regulating the said Army directs.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That in case any Person shall harbour or secure any Deserter or Deserters from the said Army, or shall know of his or their Haunt or Place of Abode, and shall not give Information thereof to some one of the Committee of

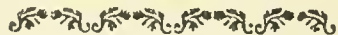
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of Safety, or to the Sheriff, his Deputy, or some other executive Officer, the Person so offending, upon due Proof thereof being made, shall forfeit and pay, as a Fine, the Sum of *Five Pounds* Lawful Money; and Costs of Prosecution, for harbouring or concealing, and the Sum of *Three Pounds* Lawful Money, and Costs of Prosecution, for not giving Information, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information: And that one third Part of the said Fines shall be paid to the Informers, and the other two third Parts be lodged in the Town-Treasury where such Deserter is an Inhabitant, to be paid out for the Support of the Soldiers, or their Families; who may be disabled in the Service.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Committee of Safety, upon Information being given them, by any Officer of the said Army, of a Deserter or Deserters, with proper Descriptions by which they may be known, shall forthwith furnish the Sheriff, his Deputy, or some other executive Officer, with the Name or Names of such Deserter or Deserters, with his or their Marks or Descriptions, who is hereby commanded to make diligent Search after the Person or Persons so deserting, and to apprehend and secure him or them, until he or they can be conveyed back to his or their Quarters.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Sheriff, his Deputy, or any other Officer, who shall go in Search of any Deserter or Deserters, may take what Aid and Assistance they shall think necessary: That all the Costs and Charges of apprehending, securing, and returning to his or their Post, any Deserter or Deserters, shall be paid by such Deserter or Deserters: And that the Wages of every Deserter shall stop from the Day of Desertion until his Return to Duty.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That a Copy of this Act be inserted in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*.



*M Channing*  
allowed £. 3  
191. 14.  $\frac{3}{4}$

WHEREAS Mrs. *Mary Channing* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the Colony,

lony, for Cloathing supplied, by Order of the Superior Court, to two free *Negro Men*, who had been trepanned upon the Coast of *Africa*, and brought into the Colony by Force: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and One Penny Halspenny* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Mary Channing*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Christopher Champlin*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Cloathing supplied the two *Negroes*, in the next preceding Vote mentioned: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Three Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Christopher Champlin*, out of the General Treasury.

*C. Champlin*  
allowed £ 3  
8s.

WHEREAS *Walter Chalonier*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Hire of two Boats, and ten Hands, and other Expences, in taking the *Negroes* in the two next preceding Votes mentioned, in order to send them Home: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Four Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Walter Chalonier*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Chalonier*  
allowed  
£ 4 10s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Joseph Anthony*, *John Wanton*, and *William Ellery*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Walter Chalonier*, Esq; with the Colony; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to  
audit *W.*  
*Chalonier's*  
Accounts.

THE Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of *North-Providence* Rangers, in the County of *Providence*, was read in Council, and is as follows, to wit:

Officers of  
the *North-*  
*Providence*  
Rangers.

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*Joseph*

*Joseph Olney, Captain.*

*Joseph Randall, Lieutenant.*

*Thomas Olney, jun. Ensign.*

Which being duly considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and they are hereby, approved.

The Court-  
House in  
*King's County*  
to be raised,  
&c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter*, Esq; proceed to raise and inclose the Court-House ordered to be built in *South-Kingstown*: And that he be, and hereby is, empowered and directed to procure the best and most commodious Lot of Land on *Little-Redd Hill*, to erect the said Court-House upon; provided he can dispose of the old Court-House, and the Lot on which it stands, for a sufficient Sum of Money to purchase the said new Lot, without any further Charge to the Colony; or otherwise that the said Court-House be built upon the Lot whereon the old Court-House stands.

Committee to  
audit the Na-  
val Officer's  
Accounts.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *John Jepson*, Esq; and Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to audit the Naval Officer's Accounts; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

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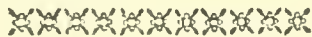
An A C T dividing the First Trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *Coventry*, into Two Companies.

Act dividing  
the First  
Company in  
*Coventry* into  
Two.

WHEREAS the First Trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *Coventry*, contains about Two Hundred Soldiers, which is sufficiently large to make Two Companies; which Company met on the Twenty-seventh Day of *May* last, and unanimously agreed to pray this Assembly to divide the same in the following Manner, *to wit*: By a Line, beginning at a Monument on a Hill known by the Name of *Bridge-Hill*, adjoining to *Scituate* Line, and from thence South three Degrees West, across said Town, to *West-Greenwich* North Line:

AND

AND the General Assembly taking the same into Consideration, *Do Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the said Company be, and hereby is, divided into Two Companies, in Manner, and according to the Line, above described: And that the Part of the said Company which lieth East of the said Line be the First Company; and the Part which lieth West of the said Line, the Third Company, in the said Town.



An ACT dividing the Second Trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *Coventry*, into Two Companies.

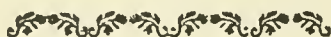
WHEREAS the Second Trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *Coventry*, contains about One Hundred and Sixty Soldiers, which is sufficiently large for Two Companies; which Company met on the Third Day of *June* inst. and unanimously agreed to pray this Assembly to divide the same in the following Manner, *to wit*: By a Line beginning at *Scituate* Line, where the Brook, known by the Name of *Warwick-Brook*, runs into the said Town; from thence down said *Warwick-Brook* to the *Buck's-Horn Brook* (so called;) from thence up said *Buck's-Horn Brook* to the Line between the Lands of *Edmund Jordan* and the Heirs of *John Fox*, deceased; from thence on the dividing Line between said Lands, as far Southward as their Land lieth; from thence on a strait Line Southerly to the old Saw Mill Place, where *Philip Aylsworth's* Saw-Mill formerly stood; and from thence South to *West-Greenwich* North Line, to a Place called *Narrow-Lane*:

AA dividing  
the Second  
Company in  
*Coventry* into  
Two.

AND this General Assembly taking the same into Consideration, *Do Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the said Company be, and hereby is, divided into Two Companies, in Manner, and according to the Line, above described: And that the Part of  
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the said Company which lieth East of the said Line be the Second Company, and the Part which lieth West of the said Line the Fourth Company in the said Town.



Officers chosen.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the following Persons be, and hereby are, chosen to command the Three First Trained Bands; or Companies of Militia, in the Town of Coventry, to wit :

*Yelverton Wait* Captain, *Benedict Colvin* Lieutenant, and *William Greene*, Ensign, of the First Company

*Stukely Hudjon* Captain, *William Roys* Lieutenant, and *William Burlingame* Ensign, of the Second Company.

*Benjamite Greene* Captain, *Benjamin Burlingame* Lieutenant, and *Langford Weaver* Ensign, of the Third Company.

*Thursday* the 20th of *July* appointed a Day of Fasting.

WHEREAS *Thursday*, the Twentieth Day of *July* next, is recommended by the Honorable the Continental Congress to be observed as a Day of public Fasting and Prayer throughout the Colonies: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to issue a Proclamation, to be published in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*, earnestly recommending the same to be religiously observed by the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Report upon *W. Potter's* Account, who is allowed £ 100 11 s. 9 d.  $\frac{3}{4}$

WHEREAS *William Greene*, and *George Pierse*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the Account of *William Potter*, Esq; against the Colony, and the following Report thereon, to wit :

WE the Subscribers, together with Mr. *Carder Hazard*, being by the Honorable the General Assembly, at their Session in *April* last, appointed a Committee to inspect into the Charges made by *William Potter*, Esq; in his Account, in Consequence of his Appointment to build the Court-House in *King's-County*, do report, That we have carefully examined the said Account, made such Deductions as we thought necessary, and carefully compared the several Vouchers therewith, and that there is a Balance of *One Hundred Pounds Eleven Shillings*

*Shillings and Nine Pence Halfpenny Lawful Money due to the said William Potter.*

WILLIAM GREENE,

*East-Greenwich, June 16, 1775.* GEORGE PEIRCE.

AND the said Report being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted; and that the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds Eleven Shillings and Nine Pence Halfpenny Lawful Money*, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *William Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to write an Answer to the Letter from the Delegates of this Colony at the Continental Congress; and to transmit to them a Copy of the Proceedings of this Assembly.

Deputy-Governor to write to the Delegates.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Committees appointed by this Assembly, who were to make Report to the present Session, and have not, be, and they are hereby, continued for the Purposes for which they were severally appointed; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committees continued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, By Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the several Sheriffs in this Colony, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks of the Towns in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Third Monday in *August* next, then to meet in the Town of *Providence*.

Adjournment.

G O D save the K I N G.

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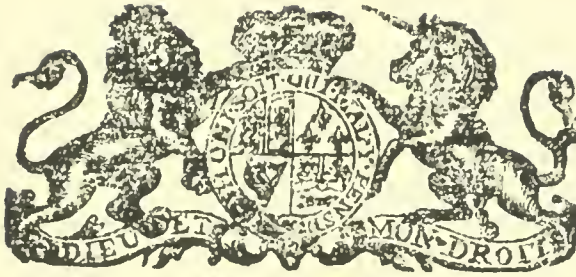
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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden, (in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Deputy-Governor) at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on *Wednesday*, the Twenty-eighth Day of *June*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, and Fifteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; Deputy-Governor,

AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;

JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;

JOHN JEPSON, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

NEWPORT:	WEST-GREENWICH:
<i>Mr. John Wanton (Son of Gideon)</i>	<i>William Nichols, Esq;</i>
<i>Mr. Thomas Freebody.</i>	<i>Thomas Gorton, Esq;</i>
PROVIDENCE:	COVENTRY:
<i>Mr. John Jenckes,</i>	<i>John Rice, Esq;</i>
<i>Mr. John Smith,</i>	EXETER:
<i>Col. John Mathewson.</i>	<i>George Pierce, Esq;</i>
PORTSMOUTH:	MIDDLETOWN:
<i>John Shearman, Esq;</i>	None.
WARWICK:	BRISTOL:
<i>William Greene, Esq;</i>	<i>Major-General William Bradford,</i>
<i>Mr. Jacob Greene,</i>	<i>Major Benjamin Bosworth.</i>
<i>Col. John Low.</i>	TIVERTON:
WESTERLY:	<i>Major John Cooke.</i>
<i>Joshua Babcock, Esq;</i>	LITTLE-COMPTON:
<i>Mr. James Rhodes.</i>	<i>Capt. Thomas Brownell,</i>
NEW-SHOREHAM:	<i>William Richmond, Esq;</i>
None.	WARREN:
NORTH-KINGSTOWN:	<i>Mr. Cromel Child.</i>
<i>John Northup, Esq;</i>	CUMBERLAND:
<i>Major Sylvester Gardner.</i>	<i>John Dexter, Esq;</i>
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:	<i>Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;</i>
<i>Carder Hazard, Esq;</i>	RICHMOND:
EAST-GREENWICH:	<i>George Webb, Esq;</i>
<i>Mr. Allen Johnson.</i>	<i>Capt. Richard Bailey.</i>
JAMESTOWN:	CRANSTON:
<i>Capt Samuel Carr.</i>	None.
SMITHFIELD:	HOPKINTON:
<i>Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;</i>	None.
<i>Stephen Whipple, Esq;</i>	JOHNSTON:
SCITUATE:	<i>Mr. Emmor Olney,</i>
<i>Rufus Hopkins, Esq;</i>	<i>Mr. Ebenezer Sprague.</i>
GLOUCESTER:	NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
<i>Silas Williams, Esq;</i>	<i>Mr. Joseph Olney,</i>
<i>Mr. Daniel Owen.</i>	<i>Major Thomas Olney.</i>
CHARLESTOWN:	BARRINGTON:
None.	<i>Col. Nathaniel Martin,</i>
	<i>Mr. Thomas Allen.</i>

*JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the Company of *Pawtuxet* Rangers, in the Towns of *Warwick* and *Cranston*, which is as follows, *to wit* :

*Samuel Aborn*, Captain.

*Benjamin Arnold*, First Lieutenant.

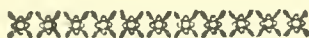
*Rhodes Arnold*, Second Lieutenant.

*Stephen Greene*, Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and they are hereby, approved.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Companies, consisting of Sixty Men each, including Officers, be immediately raised in this Colony, in Addition to those already ordered to be raised : That they be equipped with Arms, Ammunition, and all other Necessaries : That Two Companies be added to each Regiment now in the Service of this Colony, and encamped near *Boston* : That as soon as Twenty Men in a Company shall be raised, they be sent forward, under the Care of one commissioned Officer, and the Whole as soon as possible : That the same Bounty and Wages be allowed to them as to those already raised : And that, to defray the Expence thereof, *Ten Thousand Pounds*, in Lawful Money Bills, be emitted, and signed in the same Manner and Proportion as the first Emission, excepting that the Bills now ordered to be emitted be signed in the following Manner, *to wit* : All the Bills of *Five Shillings*, and upwards, by Three Signers ; and all under, by Two Signers.

Six additional Companies to be raised to join the Army of Observation.



An ACT to repeal an Act, intituled,  
*An Act for regulating Appeals to His Majesty in Council, in Great-Britain.*

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Act intituled, *An Act for regulating Appeals to His Majesty in Council, in Great-Britain*, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

An Act allowing Appeals to Great-Britain repealed.

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Act suspend-  
J. Wanton  
from acting  
as Governor  
continued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act to prevent the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; from acting as Governor of this Colony, until the Oath of Office shall be administred to him in open General Assembly, with the Consent of the Assembly, &c. which was passed at the Session held on the First *Wednesday* in *May* last, and continued by an Act passed at the Session held on the Second *Monday* in *June* inst. be continued, and remain in Force, until the Rising of this Assembly, at the next Session: And that a Copy of this Act be inserted in the *Newport Mercury*, and *Providence Gazette*.

*Rhode-Island*  
Brigade put-  
under the  
Command of  
the General  
of the Ameri-  
can Army.

WHEREAS it is absolutely necessary, for the well governing and exerting the Force of an Army, that the same should be under the Direction of a Commander in Chief: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Army of Observation raised by this Colony, during the Operations of the present Campaign, be under the Command and Direction of the Commander in Chief of the combined *American Army*, stationed in the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*: And that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Act to the Commander in Chief of the combined *American Army*; and to the Brigadier-General of the *Rhode-Island Troops*.

Deputy-Gov-  
ernor to  
write to the  
Governor of  
*Connecticut*,  
and to the  
*Oneidas*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to write an Answer to the Letter from the Governor of *Connecticut*, and to the Speech of the *Oneida Tribe of Indians* to the four *New-England Colonies*.

Account to  
be taken of  
all the Arms  
and Ammu-  
nition in the  
Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Jabez Champlin, James Angell, Metcalf Bowler, John Waterman, James Rhodes, John Sands, Sylvester Gardner, John Hawkins, Allen Johnson, Benjamin Underwood, Elisha Mowry, jun. Rufus Hopkins, Asa Kimbal, Joseph Stanton, jun. Thomas Gorton, Stephen Potter, George Pierce, John Barker, Benjamin Bosworth, John Cooke, Thomas Brownel, Cromel Child, John Dexter, George Webb, Richard Searle, Abel Tanner, Emmor Olney, Thomas Olney, and Thomas Allen*, be, and they are hereby, appointed and directed to take an Account, as soon as may be, of the Powder, Arms and Ammunition, in the several Towns in

in this Colony in which they respectively dwell, including private as well as public Stock : That they be, and hereby are, directed and empowered to go to the House of each Person in their respective Towns, to take an Account of the Powder, Arms and Ammunition : That they make Report to his Honor the Deputy-Governor, that he may transmit an Account thereof to the Continental Congress ; and also make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session : And that in case any of the Persons hereby appointed shall refuse to serve, the Members of the General Assembly, of the Town in which the Person so refusing dwells, appoint another in his Stead, who will undertake.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committees of Inspection in the several Towns in this Colony be, and they are hereby, appointed to collect all the Salt-Petre and Brimstone in the respective Towns wherein they dwell, at the Charge of the Colony, and send the same with all possible Dispatch to the Committee of Inspection for the Town of *Providence*, by them to be immediately forwarded to the Provincial Congress at *New-York*. Salt-Petre and Brimstone to be collected.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. Charles Bowler be, and he is hereby, appointed Baker to the Army of Observation raised by this Colony, and stationed near *Boston* ; and that he be paid *Five Shillings* Lawful Money for every Hundred Weight of Flour he shall bake ; he finding the Fewel for baking the Bread. C. Bowler appointed Baker to the Army of Observation.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. Joseph Stanton, jun. be, and he is hereby, appointed one of the Committee of Safety for the County of *King's County*, in Respect to the Soldiers now ordered to be raised by this Assembly : That he be empowered to pay off the Soldiers heretofore raised in the Towns of *Westerly*, *Charlestown* and *Hopkinton*, all such Wages as they have not yet receiyed, and be allowed therefor *Half per Cent.* That *John Northup*, Esq; be allowed *One per Cent.* for the same : And that the said *Joseph Stanton*, jun. receive of the said *John Northup* the Accounts he hath against the Soldiers now in the Service of the Colony, who were raised in the said three Towns, in order to settle with the Soldiers, and to stop  
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what shall appear to be due from them to the said *John Northup*.

*J. Mawney*  
allowed £ 5  
10 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Mawney* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to *Roxbury*, to *Plimouth*, and to the Counties of *Kent*, *King's County*, *Newport* and *Bristol*, by Order of his Honor the Deputy-Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that *Five Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Mawney*, out of the General-Treasury.

Gunner and  
Soldiers at  
*Fort-George*  
dismissed, &c.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Gunner, and all the Soldiers, at *Fort-George*, be immediately discharged: That Mr. *Thomas Freebody* have the Care of the Buildings on *Goat-Island*. and lett them out: That he hale up the Fort-Boat, take particular Care of her, and preserve her for the Use of the Colony: That he procure the Cannon to be brought over from the Fort to *Newport*: And that he advertise the Guns which were stolen from the Fort.

Officers of  
the *Providence*  
Grenadier  
Company.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen to command the *Providence Grenadier Company*, and is as followeth, *to wit*:

*Jonathan Arnold*, Captain.  
*Zephaniab Andrews*, First Lieutenant.  
*Ezekiel Burr*, Second Lieutenant.  
*Simeon Thayer*, Ensign.  
*John Spurr*, Adjutant.

WHICH being duly considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be, and hereby are, approved.

Officers cho-  
sen.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit*:

Officers to command the Six additional Companies to the *Army of Observation*.

*Ebenezer Flagg* Captain, *Joseph Perry* Lieutenant, *Noel Allen* Ensign, of the Eighth Company, to be raised in the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*.

*Thomas*

*Thomas Gray* Captain, *Lemuel Bailey* Lieutenant, *William Southworth* Ensign, of the Ninth Company, to be raised in the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*.

*Levi Tower* Captain, *Silas Talbut* Lieutenant, *Reuben Sprague* Ensign, of the Ninth Company, to be raised in the County of *Providence*.

*Israel Gorton* Captain, *James Williams* Lieutenant, *Joseph Harris* Ensign, of the Tenth Company, to be raised in the County of *Providence*.

*Ethan Clarke* Captain, *Thomas Cole* Lieutenant, *John Woodmansee* Ensign, of the Ninth Company, to be raised in the Counties of *King's County* and *Kent*.

*Christopher Smith* Captain, *Thomas Sweet* Lieutenant, *Oliver Tafft* Ensign, of the Tenth Company, to be raised in the Counties of *King's County* and *Kent*.

*Officers in the Trained Bands, or Companies of Militia.*

*Reuben Ballou* Ensign of the Second Company, in the Town of *Cumberland*, in the Room of *Levi Ballou*, who refused.

*Comfort Wheaton* Captain, *Nehemiah Sweet* Lieutenant, *John Demont* Ensign, of the First Company, in the Town of *Providence*.

*Elijah Bacon* Captain, *Nathaniel Frothingham* Lieutenant, *James Burrill*, Ensign, of the Second Company, in the Town of *Providence*.

*Robert Potter* Captain (in the Room of *Thomas Bissell*, jun. who declined) *Timothy Deane* Lieutenant, *Samuel Thomas*, jun. Ensign (in the Room of *Robert Potter*, advanced) of the Third Company, in the Town of *North-Kingstown*.

*Joseph Jenckes* Captain, *Sylvanus Bucklin* Lieutenant, *Samuel Hills* Ensign, of the First Company, in the Town of *Smithfield*.

*Thomas Aldrich* Captain, *Elijah Arnold* Lieutenant, *Peleg Arnold* Ensign, of the Second Company, in the Town of *Smithfield*.

*Nehemiah Smith* Captain, *Job Mowry* Lieutenant, *James Smith* Ensign, of the Third Company, in the Town of *Smithfield*.

*Mr. Solomon Southwick* Post-Master for *Newport*, in the Room of *Mr. Nathaniel Otis*, who is removed out of the Colony.

Officers con-  
tinued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Persons who were in Office at the last General Election, and have not been rechosen, or in whose Stead others have not been appointed at the Session in *May* last, at the Session held on the Second *Monday* in *June* inst. or at the present Session, be, and they are hereby, continued in their respective Offices until the next Session, with as full Power as they have at any Time heretofore had.

Court-House  
in *Providence*  
to be repaired.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to procure the Leaks in the Gutters of the Court-House in the County of *Providence* to be stopped; and that he lay an Account of the Expence thereof before this Assembly, at the next Session, that the same may be paid out of the General-Treasury.

Measures to  
be taken  
for the De-  
fence of the  
Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Job Watson* be, and he is hereby, appointed a Post at *Tower-Hill*, to give Intelligence to the Northern Counties, in case any Squadron of Ships shall be seen off: That in case of an Alarm, the Northern Counties be, and they are hereby, ordered to march to the Town of *Providence*: That a Proclamation be immediately issued by his Honor the Deputy-Governor, commanding every Man in the Colony able to bear Arms to equip himself compleatly with Arms and Ammunition, according to Law: And that the Town of *Providence* fix a Beacon on the Hill to the Eastward of the said Town, to alarm the Country, in case of an Invasion.

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## An A C T for inlisting One Fourth Part of the Militia of the Colony, as Minute-Men.

Act for inlist-  
ing One  
Fourth Part  
of the Militia  
as Minute-  
Men.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That One Quarter Part of the Militia of this Colony be inlisted as Minute-Men, to meet together, and exercise themselves in military Discipline, Half a Day, Once in every Fort-night:

night: And that the following Persons be, and hereby are, appointed in the several Towns to enlist them, to wit.

*Newport.* The Captains of the several Companies of Militia.

*Providence.* Messieurs *John Demont*, and *Nathaniel Frothingham*.

*Portsmouth.* Mr. *Burrington Anthony*.

*Warwick.* Messieurs *Malachi Hammet*, *Reuben Wightman*, and *Thomas Rice* (Son of *Thomas*.)

*Westerly.* Messieurs *George Sheffield*, *Benjamin Hull*, and *Joseph Stillman*.

*New-Shoreham.* The Captain of the Company of Militia.

*North-Kingstown.* Messieurs *Charles Tillinghast*, *Jonatban Vaughan*, and *Ezekiel Gardner, jun.*

*South-Kingstown.* Messieurs *Peleg Babcock*, and *John Wait*.

*East-Greenwich.* Messieurs *Allen Johnston*, and *William Arnold*.

*Jamestown.* The Captain of the Company of Militia.

*Smithfield.* Messieurs *Andrew Waterman*, *Luke Arnold*, and *Peleg Arnold*.

*Gloucester.* Messieurs *John Wells*, *Gideon Burges*, *Aaron Winsor*, and *Samuel Mayes*.

*Charlestown.* Messieurs *Augustus Stanton*, and *Beriah Lewis*.

*West-Greenwich.* Messieurs *Eleazar Carr*, *Jeremiah Austin*, and *John Mathewson, jun.*

*Coventry.* Messieurs *Archibald Kaffon*, *Yelverton Wait*, *Stutely Hudson*, and *Benjamite Greene*.

*Exeter.* Mr. *George Pierce*.

*Middletown.* The Captain of the Company of Militia.

*Bristol.* Mr. *Benjamin Bosworth*.

*Tiverton.* Messieurs *Joseph Almy*, and *Pardon Cooke*.

*Little-Compton.* Mr. *Peres Richmond*.

*Warren.* Mr. *William Barton*.

*Cumberland.* Messieurs *Elisba Waterman*, and *Elias Philbrook*.

*Richmond.* Mr. *Simeon Clarke, jun.*

*Cranston.* Messieurs *Andrew Harris*, *William Potter*, and the Captain of the Third Company.

June, 1775.

*Hopkinton.* Messieurs *Thomas Wells* (the Third) and *Oliver Davis*.

*Johnston.* Messieurs *William Hawkins*, and *Joseph Waterman*.

*North-Providence.* Mr. *Job Olney*.

*Barrington.* Mr. *Lutber Martin*.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That in case any of the Persons hereby appointed shall refuse to serve, the Deputies of the several Towns to which they belong be, and they hereby are, empowered to appoint others in their Stead.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the following be the Form of the Inlistment for the said Minute-Men, *to wit :*

Colony of *Rhode-Island*,

*WE the Subscribers voluntarily inlist ourselves to serve as Minute-Men, in the Service of this Colony, to be under the immediate Command of our superior Officers, and subject to the Law of this Colony for regulating the Minute-Men.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Persons who are hereby appointed to inlist the said Minute-Men, return the Names of the Persons they shall so inlist unto the Deputies who live within their respective Regiments : That the said Deputies, or the major Part of them, be, and hereby are, empowered to form them into Companies, each to consist of as many Men as they shall think proper and direct, and also to appoint Officers over them : And that they return the Names of the Officers they shall appoint to his Honor the Deputy-Governor, to be commissioned by the Secretary, in the same Manner that the other Officers have been commissioned.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said Minute-Men march for the Defence of the Colony, when and as often as they shall be called upon by the Colonel of the Regiment to which they respectively belong : And that the Lieutenant-General  
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and Major-General of the Colony be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to march them out of the Colony, whenever they, or either of them, shall think it necessary.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the following Wages be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the said Officers and Men, *to wit* : For every Time they shall meet and exercise, each Captain shall receive *Two Shillings and Six Pence* Lawful Money ; each Lieutenant and Ensign *Two Shillings* Lawful Money ; and each other Person *One Shilling* Lawful Money ; and when they march for the Defence of the Colony, or out of the Colony, each Captain shall receive *Six Shillings* Lawful Money *per Day* ; each Lieutenant *Five Shillings* Lawful Money *per Day* ; each Ensign *Four Shillings* Lawful Money *per Day* ; and each other Person *Three Shillings* Lawful Money *per Day* ; and shall also be billeted at the Charge of the Colony ; And that the Commanding Officer make his Return once a Month to the Committee of Safety, and draw the Money.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the several Independent Companies in this Colony, or such of them as shall think proper, form themselves into Companies of Minute-Men, under the same Regulation and Command as above mentioned, and exercise and do Duty in the same Manner ; and that they receive the same Pay and Allowance.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Secretary, as soon as may be, transmit Copies of this Act to the several Sheriffs in the Colony, who are hereby directed to forward them by the first safe Hands to the Persons appointed to enlist the said Minute-Men in their respective Counties.



WHEREAS Mr. Daniel Branch exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session,

*D. Branch* allowed 13 11 6 d.

Session, and for sweeping and cleaning the Court-House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Franklin* WHEREAS Mr. *Afa Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against Colonel *James Mitchel Varnum*, for victualling a Part of his Company, in the Time of the Alarm in *April* last, and for Flints supplied them : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *One Pound Three Shillings and Six Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Afa Franklin*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Pulling* WHEREAS Mr. *William Pulling* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Ten Shillings and Six Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Pulling*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Compton* WHEREAS Mr. *William Compton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that *Ten Shillings and Six Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Compton*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Slack* WHEREAS Mr. *Eliphalet Slack* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting Part of Col. *Varnum's* Company, in the Time of the Alarm, in *April* last : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that  
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*Four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten Pence Three Farthings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Eliphalet Slack*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, that Mr. *John Martin* be, *J. Martin* and he is hereby, appointed a Surgeon to the *Rhode-Island* Brigade: That he do all the Services in said Brigade that his Capacity will admit of: And that he be allowed for the same the monthly Wages of *Nine Pounds* Lawful Money. appointed Surgeon to the Rhode-Island Brigade.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *John Grimes* be, and he is hereby, appointed Commander of the small Sloop chartered by the Colony, in the Room of Capt. *Christopher Whipple*, who refused: That all other Vacancies, in either of the Sloops chartered by the Colony, be filled up by the Committee of Safety: And that the Officers be commissioned by the Secretary of this Colony. J Grimes appointed Captain of one of the armed Vessels, and the Committee of Safety to fill all Vacancies.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly three several Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit, &c. And the said Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby are, allowed; and that *Ten Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight Pence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General-Treasury. G. Lawton allowed £10 12 s. 8 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That when the Places of any Commissioned Officers in the Army of Observation, raised by this Colony, shall happen to be vacant, the Brigadier-General of the said Army, with the Advice of the Field Officers thereof, fill up all such Vacancies with Officers; who shall have full Power to act by Virtue of such Appointment, until his Honor the Deputy-Governor shall send them Commissions, signed by the Secretary. Brigadier-General and Field Officers to fill up Vacancies in the Army.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Committees appointed by this Assembly, who were to report to the pre-  
Y Committees continued.  
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sent Session, and have not, be, and they are hereby, continued for the Purposes for which they were severally appointed: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Adjourn-  
ment.

*It is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Colony, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned until the Third Monday in *August* next, then to meet in the Town of *Providence*.

G O D save the K I N G.

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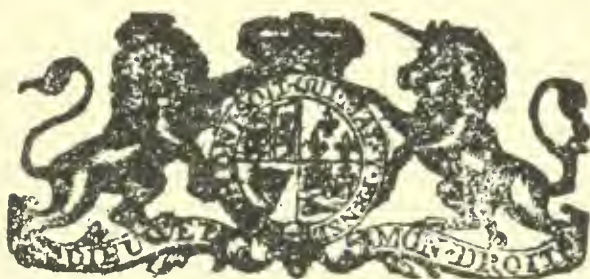






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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the Third *Monday* in *August*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, and Fifteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *G E O R G E* the Third, by the Grace of *G O D*. King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;  
SIMEON POTTER, Esq;  
AMBROSE PAGE, Esq;  
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;  
JOHN JEPSON, Esq;  
JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;  
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;

Assistants,

The S E C R E T A R Y.  
D E U T I E S

## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

*The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.*

## NEWPORT:

*Mr. John Wanton (Son of Gideon)**Mr. John Tanner,**Mr. Joseph Anthony,**Mr. Thomas Freebody.*

## PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. John Jenckes,**Mr. John Smith,**Col. John Mathewson.*

## PORTSMOUTH:

*Mr. Job Durfee,**John Shearman, Esq;*

## WARWICK:

*William Greene, Esq;**Mr. Jacob Greene,**Capt. Thomas Holdon,**Lieut. Col. John Low.*

## WESTERLY:

*Joshua Babcock, Esq;**Mr. James Rhodes.*

## NEW SHOREHAM:

*Mr. John Sands,**Mr. Walter Rathbun.*

## NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Northup, Esq;**Sylvester Gardner, Esq;*

## SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

*John Potter, Esq;*

## EAST-GREENWICH:

*Mr. Job Gardner,**Mr. Allen Johnson.*

## JAMESTOWN:

*Capt. Edward Hull,**Capt. Samuel Carr.*

## SMITHFIELD:

*Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;**Stephen Whipple, Esq;*

## SCITUATE:

None.

## GLOUCESTER:

*Silas Williams, Esq;**Mr. Daniel Owen.*

## CHARLESTOWN:

*Joseph Hoxne, Esq;**Mr. Samuel Kinyon.*

## WEST-GREENWICH:

*Thomas Gorton, Esq;*

## COVENTRY:

*John Rice, Esq;*

## EXETER:

*George Pierce, Esq;**Jeffery Willcox, Esq;*

## MIDDLETOWN:

*Mr. James Potter.*

## BRISTOL:

*Major General William Bradford,**Benjamin Bosworth, Esq;*

## TIVERTON:

*Mr. Thomas Corey.*

## LITTLE-COMPTON:

*Capt. Thomas Brownell,**William Richmond, Esq;*

## WARREN:

*Mr. Cromel Child.*

## CUMBERLAND:

*John Dexier, Esq;**Jeremiah Whipple, Esq;*

## RICHMOND:

*Capt. Richard Bailey, jun.*

## CRANSTON:

*Capt. Richard Searle,**Mr. William Field.*

## HOPKINTON:

*Capt. Abel Tanner,**Mr. Thomas Wells.*

## JOHNSTON:

*Mr. Emmor Olney,**Mr. Ebenezer Sprague.*

## NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

*Mr. Joseph Olney,**Major Thomas Olney.*

## BARRINGTON:

*Col. Nathaniel Martin,**Capt. Thomas Allen.**JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.*

**I***T is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Neat-Cattle and Sheep upon *New-Shoreham*, excepting a Sufficiency for the Inhabitants, be brought off as soon as possible, and landed upon the Continent : That Two Hundred and Fifty Men be sent upon that Island, to secure the Stock until it can be taken off : That the Remainder of the two Companies raised in the Counties of *King's County* and *Kent*, which have not yet marched to join the Army of Observation, be employed in the said Service : That to compleat the Number, One Hundred and Ninety Men be immediately enlisted, who shall be allowed Wages at the Rate of *Three Shillings* a Day, and be billeted : That Mr. *James Rhodes* be the Chief Commander of the said Men, and *Gideon Hoxsie*, Esq; the second in Command : That the said *James Rhodes* and *Gideon Hoxsie*, and *George Sheffield*, be and they are hereby impowered, at the Expence of the Colony, to take the most prudent and effectual Measures for removing the said Stock to some Place upon the Continent : That the Committee of Safety supply the said Men with the necessary Arms, Ammunition and Provisions : That the following Persons be appointed to enlist Men for the said Service, *Thomas Wells* the second, *Thomas Tafft*, and in case of his Refusal, *Richard Bailey*, jun. *Stephen Sbeldon*, *Ebenezer Sprague*, *Elisha Waterman*, *Andrew Waterman*, *James Albro*, *Abial Brown*, *Jonathan Haszard*, *Joseph Pendleton*, and *George Peirce* ; who shall be allowed Wages, at the Rate of *Six Shillings* a Day, and shall have the Command of the Men by them respectively raised, subordinate to their superior Officers above named : That no one of the above named Persons raise more than Twenty Men : That each Person appointed to enlist Men set out for the Places of Rendezvous, with the Men he shall enlist, on *Saturday* next, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning ; which are as follow ; those raised in the Towns of *Richmond* and *Charlestown*, to rendezvous at *Jesse Champlin's*, in *Charlestown* ; those raised in *North-Kingstown*, *South-Kingstown*, *Johnston*, *Cumberland*, *Exeter* and *Smithfield*, at *John Potter's*, Esq; and those raised in the other Towns, at *Elias Thompson's*,  
Stock to be removed from Block-Island, &c.

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*son's, in Westerly : That the said James Rhodes, Gideon Hoxsie, and George Sheffield, or any two of them, be appointed to appraise the said Stock, which is to be transported at the Expence and Risque of the Colony : That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be requested to issue Orders to the said two Companies, belonging to Colonel Varnum's Regiment, to proceed to New-Shoreham, and obey the Orders of the said James Rhodes and Gideon Hoxsie during the said Service : That the said James Rhodes and Gideon Hoxsie be commissioned, mutatis mutandis. in the same Manner as the Officers of the Army of Observation are : And that Mr. James Rhodes draw out of the General-Treasury Two Hundred Pounds Lawful Money for the Purposes aforesaid.*

IN Council was read the Return of Officers Names, chosen to command the Independent Company of Cadets in *Providence, viz.*

Officers in  
the Cadet  
Company in  
*Providence.*

*Joseph Nibhtingale, Captain.*

*William Russell, First Lieutenant.*

*Natbaniel Greene, Second Lieutenant.*

*Ebenezer Thompson, Ensign.*

WHICH being considered in Council, *It is Voted and Resolved.* That the said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

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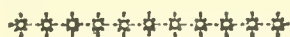
AN ACT to punish Persons, who shall pilot any armed Vessels in or out of any of the Harbours, Rivers or Bays, in this Colony, excepting Vessels belonging to some one of the *British Colonies in America*, or to the Inhabitants thereof.

Act against  
piloting arm-  
ed Vessels,  
except in the  
Service of the  
Colonies,

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That any Person, being an Inhabitant of any of the *British Colonies in America,*



*America*, who shall act as a Pilot on board any armed Ship or Vessel, and pilot them in or out of any of the Harbours, Rivers or Bays, in this Colony, excepting Vessels in the Service of some one of the said Colonies, or of the Inhabitants thereof, shall upon Conviction thereof, by Bill, Plaint or Information, before the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery of this Colony, be punished at the Discretion of the said Court, by Fine and Imprisonment, not exceeding a Fine of *Five Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, nor more than Twelve Months Imprisonment.



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *William Potter*, Esq; *W. Potter* also be allowed to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Two Hundred and Seventy Pounds Eight Shillings and Sevenpence Three Farthings*, for carrying on the building a new Court-House in *King's County*. lowed to draw £270 8s. 7d. 1/4, for building a Court-House.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That this Colony will purchase all the Gunpowder that shall be imported ere from Parts beyond Sea, before the First Day of *April* next, at the Rate of *Three Shillings* Lawful Money a Pound. Colony to purchase Powder imported.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Twenty-nine Minute-Men, raised by *Mr. Andrew Waterman*, proceed with him immediately to *New-Shoreham*, and that they all be paid according to the Act for raising Men for the same Purpose. Minute-Men raised by A. Waterman to go to New-Shoreham.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, the Members of the Upper House, who live in the County of *Providence*, the Deputies of the Town of *Providence*, *Metcalf Bowler*, *William Bradford*, *John Dexter*, *Joseph Anthony*, *Daniel Mowry*, Jun. and *Joshua Babcock*, Esquires, or the major Part of them, together with such other Members of the General Assembly as may be present, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, during the Recess Committee to act in the Recess of the General Assembly.

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of the General Assembly, to act upon any sudden important Emergency; with full Power of taking all prudent and necessary Measures for the Safety of this Colony, and the Colonies in general: That they be particularly impowered to employ the two armed Vessels in the Service of this Colony, or either of them, in such Manner, and upon such Voyage, as they shall think conducive to the public Interest: And that this Act continue in Force until the next Session of Assembly.

*T. Fuller* allowed 6 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Timothy Fuller* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for making two Keys and mending a Lock for the Court-House Doors, in *Providence*; which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and it is hereby allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Shillings Lawful Money*, be paid unto the said *Timothy Fuller*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS a Report of *John Collins, Joseph Clarke* and *George Hazard*, Esquires, was presented unto this Assembly, in the following Words, viz.

Report of the Committee for burning Old Tenor Bills.

WE being appointed by the General Assembly, with *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; a Committee to receive of *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General Treasurer, all the Old Tenor Bills lodged in his Office, and to burn the same, do report, that we have received of the said *Joseph Clarke* *Eighty-nine Thousand and Two Pounds Nine Shillings and Threepence*, in Bills of the Old Tenor, which we have, in Consequence of an Act of the General Assembly, given him our Receipt for, and burnt.

JOHN COLLINS,  
JOSEPH CLARKE,  
GEORGE HAZARD.

*Newport, July 21, 1775.*

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WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *John Collins, Joseph Clarke, and George Hazard*, Esquires, a Committee appointed, with *Mercalf Bowler*, Esq; for receiving and burning all the Old Tenor Bills in the General-Treasurer's Office, exhibited an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Time in counting and burning *Eighty-nine Thousand and Two Pounds Nine Shillings and Threepence* Old Tenor, being five Days and an Half each, at *Six Shillings a Day*: And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and it is hereby allowed; and that *Four Pounds and Nineteen Shillings* Lawful Money, the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *John Collins, Joseph Clarke, and George Hazard*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee  
for burning  
Old Tenor  
Bills allowed  
£ 4 19 s.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That four Quarter Casks of Gunpowder be delivered out of the Colony's Stores to *Mr. Gideon Mumford*, for the Use of *Fort Daniel*, in the County of *Kent*.

Gunpowder  
granted for  
the Use of  
*Fort Daniel*.

WHEREAS *Mr. Comfort Wheaton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials and Work done in making Repairs on the Court House in *Providence*; which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eleven Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be allowed and paid unto the said *Comfort Wheaton*, out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Wheaton*  
allowed 11 s.

WHEREAS *Mr. Samuel Hamlin* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Work done on the Court-House in *Providence*, soldering Lead, and finding the Solder: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and it is hereby allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Ten Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Samuel Hamlin*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Hamlin* al-  
lowed 10s. 6d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Andrew Waterman* be and he is hereby appointed Captain, *Mr. James Smithfield* Officers of the Minute-Company in

Officers of the  
Minute-Com-  
pany in  
*Smithfield*.

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*James Aldrich* Lieutenant, and Mr. *Esek Saunders* Ensign. of the Company of Minute-Men enlisted in the Town of *Smithfield*.

*J. Mawney*  
allowed  
£3 7 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Mawney* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Expences in going to *Hartford* (on public Business) by Order of his Honor the Deputy-Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and it is hereby allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Mawney*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Lillibridge*  
allowed 18 s.

WHEREAS *Robert Lillibridge*, jun. Deputy-Sheriff, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for warning the Members of the General Assembly in the County of *Newport*, to attend at *April* Session; which being duly examined and considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be allowed; and that the same be paid unto him, out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Cooke* chosen Clerk of the Superior Court in the County of *Kent*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Hopkins Cooke*, Esq; be and he is hereby chosen and appointed Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*, in the Room of *Nathaniel Greene*, Esq; who hath resigned.

*Lindsey* and *Shaw* allowed  
£2 10 s.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Lindsey* and *Shaw* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for the Freight of Gunpowder and military Stores: And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds and Ten Shillings* Lawful Money thereof (and no more) be allowed; and that the same be paid unto the said *Lindsey* and *Shaw*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Brigadier *Nathaniel Greene* hath informed this Assembly, that he had to the Amount of *Four Pounds and Ten Shillings*, of the Lawful Money Bills of Credit lately emitted by this Colony, washed to Pieces in his Breeches Pocket, and destroyed: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Four Pounds and Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money Bills, be paid to the said Brigadier *Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Ensigns in the respective Companies of the *Rhode-Island* Forces, encamped on *Prospect-Hill*, represented unto this Assembly, that by a Resolve of the Provincial Congress of *Massachusetts-Bay*, the Ensigns of the several Battalions of that Colony were advanced, and made Second Lieutenants, and their Wages enhanced *Ten Shillings* a Month; and prayed that this Assembly would, in Conformity to that Resolve, make the same Regulation respecting the Ensigns in the *Rhode-Island* Forces: On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted; that the said Ensigns be advanced to equal Rank and Station with their Brethren in the *Massachusetts* Forces; and that their Wages be encreased *Ten Shillings* a Month.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Tew* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for cleaning and repairing Fifteen Small-Arms; which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and is hereby allowed; and that *One Pound Twelve Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Thomas Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *David Wilkinson*, Esq; laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance at Mr. *Carter's* Printing-Office (overseeing the Press, whilst impressing Paper Bills of Credit :) And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eight Pounds and Eight Shillings* Lawful



Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *David Wilkinson*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Anthony*  
allowed  
10 s. 9 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Burrington Anthony*, Deputy-Sheriff, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Expences in warning Members to appear at the General Assembly; And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and it is hereby allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Ten Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Burrington Anthony*, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Smith* al-  
lowed 10 s.

WHEREAS *Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for warning the Members in the said County to appear in General Assembly: And the said Account being duly inspected, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that its Amount, being *Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

Collectors re-  
leased from  
the 30 per  
Cent. in case.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all those Collectors of Rates in this Colony, who shall pay in all the Rates which they were appointed to collect by the Second Day of *September* next, shall be released from the *Thirty per Cent.* Damages, which is included in Judgments obtained on Bonds given to the Sheriffs for Liberty of the Gaols, and also the *Thirty per Cent.* due on the Bonds not yet put in Suit.

*T. Greene* al-  
lowed 11 s.

WHEREAS *Thomas Greene*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Expences in procuring Paper for the Bills of Credit, and for red Ink: And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eleven Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Smith* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for carrying the public Papers and Records of this Colony from *Newport* to *Bristol Ferry*: And the same being duly enquired into, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Samuel Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Smith* allowed £ 1 4 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Waterman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Paper furnished for impressing Bills of Credit: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twelve Pounds Fourteen Shillings and One Penny* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Waterman*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Waterman* allowed £ 12 14 s. 1 d.

WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials and for the making a Flag for *Fort-George*: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Job Bennet*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Bennet* allowed £ 7 14 s. 9 d.

WHEREAS Captain *George Cornel* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Wages as Captain of *Fort-George*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nine Pounds Five Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *George Cornel*, out of the General-Treasury.

*G. Cornel* allowed £ 9 5 s. 9 d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Gentlemen mentioned in the following List, be and they are hereby chosen

Officers chosen.

chosen to serve in the Offices to their Names respectively ascribed, *to wit* :

*Joseph Belcher*, Esq; Colonel, *John Cooke*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, and *William Channing*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

*Charles Dyre*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in *King's County*.

*William Barton*, Esq; Adjutant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

*Samuel Pearce*, jun. Captain, *William Allen* (Son of *William*) Lieutenant, and *George Allen* Ensign of the Second Company of Militia in *Portsmouth*.

*William Taylor* Captain, *John Cole* Lieutenant, and *James Albro* Ensign of the Second Company of Militia in *North-Kingstown*.

*William Arnold*, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

*Benjamin Underwood* Captain, *John Carr* Lieutenant, and *Benjamin Carr*, jun. Ensign of the Company of Militia in *Jamestown*.

*Samuel Hill* Captain, *Thomas Jenckes* Lieutenant, and *Samuel Day* Ensign of the First Company of Militia in *Smithfield*.

*James Smith*, Lieutenant of the Third Company of Militia in *Smithfield*.

*Joseph Whipple* Captain, *Joseph Kinyon* Lieutenant, and *Asaph Bennet* Ensign of the Fourth Company of Militia in *Coventry*.

*Thomas Peckham* Captain, *Samuel Baley* Lieutenant, and *Elisha Barker* Ensign of the Company of Militia in *Middletown*.

*Ezra Ormsbee*, Captain of the Company of Militia in *Warren*.

*Vial Allen* Lieutenant, and *Daniel Kinnicutt* Ensign of the Company of Militia in *Barrington*.

*William Barton*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warren*, in the Room of *John Child* the Second, who refused.

*D. W. Hookey* WHEREAS *Daniel W. Hookey*, Deputy-Sheriff, ex-  
allowed £<sup>1</sup> hibited to this Assembly an Account, by him charged  
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against the Colony, for his Time and Expences in warning the Members of the General Assembly to meet in Council at the late Governor *Wanton's*, and also for warning in Members to meet in Assembly; which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Ten Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Daniel W. Hookey*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Caleb Westcot* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials, Work, &c. in repairing the Gaol in *King's County*: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Ten Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Caleb Westcot*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed for signing the Lawful Money Bills made a Report unto this Assembly, in the following Words:

IN Pursuance of an Act passed at the Session held at *East Greenwich*, on the Second Monday in *June* last, for emitting *Ten Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, in Bills of Credit, we the Subscribers have signed the said Bills, which are of the following Denominations, to wit:

1000	Bills of 40 s. each,	£ 2000
2000	30 s.	3000
2000	20 s.	2000
2000	10 s.	1000
2000	5 s.	500
2000	4 s.	400
2000	3 s.	300
3000	2 s.	300
5000	1 s.	250
4000	9 d.	150
4000	6 d.	100

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Report of the  
Committee  
for signing  
Lawful Mo-  
ney Bills.

IN Pursuance of another Act passed by the General Assembly, at the Session held at *Providence*, on *Wednesday* the Twenty-eighth of *June* last, for emitting a further Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds* Lawful Money, in Bills of Credit, we the Subscribers have signed the said Bills, being of the same Denominations as those above mentioned.

WE have delivered the said Bills, amounting to *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, to the General-Treasurer, of whom we have taken a Receipt in the Eighth Book of the Colony Records, in the Secretary's Office; in which Book we have also registred an exact Account of the Order of signing the same.

METCALF BOWLER, JOHN COLE,  
THOMAS GREENE, HENRY WARD.  
JOSEPH CLARKE,

Committee  
allowed  
£ 100.

To the which Report they subjoined an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for the said Service: All which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be and the same is hereby accepted; that the said Account be and it is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Hundred Pounds*, be paid unto the said *Metcalf Bowler, Thomas Greene, Joseph Clarke, John Cole, and Henry Ward*, out of the General-Treasury.

*Caleb Greene*  
allowed £ 3.

WHEREAS *Caleb Greene*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Providence*, exhibited an Account for Paper and binding a Record-Book for the Office of said Inferior Court: And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Caleb Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*Caleb Gardner*  
allowed  
£ 3 1 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Caleb Gardner* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for *Thirty-six Pounds* of Gunpowder, by him furnished



ed for *Fort-George*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Caleb Gardner*, out of the General Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the Colony's Town Treasury Execution, purchased in the Name of *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, against *David Maxson, William Vincent*, and *John Maxson, jun.* <sup>erly excused from the 30 per Cent. in case.</sup> and satisfied for the original Debt and Cost, except the *Thirty per Cent.* included therein, and by the Attorney-General returned unsatisfied for an Alias for the *Thirty per Cent.* that said Execution being so returned be approved of; and that upon the Town of *Westerly's* paying and discharging their Proportion of the Colony Tax for the Year 1774 by the Second Day of *September* next, then the *Thirty per Cent.* on said Execution, and for the said Tax made in 1774, be remitted; but if the same be not paid by the said Time, that then an alias Execution issue against the said *David Maxson, William Vincent*, and *John Maxson, jun.* for said *Thirty per Cent.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That two Row-Gallies be forthwith built and equipped at the Expence of this Colony, for its Protection and Defence: That they be of a suitable Bigness, to carry Sixty Men each, to row with Fifteen Oars on a Side, and to mount One Eighteen Pounder in the Bow, and a Number of Swivel Guns; and that they be built in such further and particular Form, Model and Construction, as shall be judged most suitable and fitting, by the Committee hereafter named, for answering the Design and Purpose of their Building: And that *Ambrose Page*, Esq; be the Person for the above Purpose, and that he be empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury a Sum not exceeding *Three Hundred Pounds*, to enable him to prosecute the Building.

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Western Post. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. John Lafell, Rider to be who is appointed Western Post Rider, be paid weekly. ly for his Service by the General-Treasurer of the Colony.

G. T. Cornel allowed *WHEREAS* Capt. George T. Cornel exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials furnished, divers Things done, Bills paid, and Wages due, in and about Fort-George : And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be allowed ; and that the Sum of *Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eightpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said George T. Cornel, out of the General-Treasury.

Officers of the Minute Men in Portsmouth. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. John Earl be and hereby is appointed Captain, Mr. James Peckham Lieutenant, and Mr. Cook Wilcocks Ensign of the Company of Minute-Men for the Town of Portsmouth.

Allowance to the Persons who took the Account of the Arms, &c. in the Colony. *WHEREAS* the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Persons who took the List of the Arms, &c. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

We the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly to examine the Accounts of the Persons who took the Lists of the Arms, &c. in the several Towns in this Colony, do report, that the following Sums be allowed to each Person, as set against their Names, for that Service, *to wit* :

James Angell, Providence,	£ 0 12 0
Metcalf Bowler, Portsmouth,	1 19 9
John Waterman, Warwick,	1 16 0
James Rhodes, Westerly,	1 10 0
Sylvester Gardner, North-Kingstown,	1 16 0
Allen Johnson, East-Greenwich,	1 4 0
Thomas Gorton, West-Greenwich,	1 10 0
Asa Kimball, Gloucester,	2 2 0
Stephen Potter, Coventry,	1 10 0
Thomas Corey, Tiverton,	1 10 0
Thomas Olney, North-Providence,	2 10 0

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<i>Emmor Olney, Johnston,</i>	£ 1 4 0
<i>George Webb, Richmond,</i>	1 4 0
<i>John Barker, Middletown,</i>	1 4 0
<i>Cromel Child, Warren,</i>	1 1 0
<i>Thomas Allen, Barrington,</i>	1 1 0
<i>George Pierce, Exeter,</i>	1 10 0
<i>Joseph Stanton, Charlestown,</i>	1 10 0
<i>Richard Searle, Cranston,</i>	1 10 0
<i>John Dexter, Cumberland,</i>	1 16 0
<i>Benjamin Bosworth, Bristol,</i>	1 4 0
<i>Thomas Brownell, Little-Compton,</i>	1 10 0
<i>Abel Tanner, Hopkinton,</i>	1 10 0
<i>Elisha Mowry, Smithfield,</i>	1 19 0

ESEK HOPKINS,  
NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
AMOS ATWELL.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Sums therein mentioned be paid, out of the General-Treasury, to the several Persons, as set against their respective Names.

WHEREAS the Post-Rider hath been stopped by the Post Riders established. Ships of War in the Harbour of *Newport*, and the Mail hath been actually taken from him by Violence, which renders it necessary that the Rout be altered: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *John Laffell* be employed as a Post Rider, to go the old Post Road, from *Providence* to *New-London*: That he set out from *Providence* for *New-London* on every *Tuesday*, immediately upon the Arrival of the Post from *Cambridge*, and return as soon as possible: That he be allowed from this Colony at the Rate of *One Hundred and Eighty-five* Dollars a Year, and in that Proportion for any lesser Time, he finding good Horses, and paying his own Expences: That Mr. *Benjamin Mumford* be employed as a Post-Rider from *Newport* to *Cambridge*: That he set out from *Newport* on *Monday* Afternoon at Three o'Clock, to carry the *Newport* Mail for the Westward to *Providence*, and proceed immediately to *Cambridge* with the Mails for that Post-  
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Office, and set off from thence on *Thursday* in the Afternoon for *Providence*, and there take the Mail from the Westward, and proceed immediately to *Newport*: That he be allowed for his Services at the same Rate as hath heretofore been allowed to the Post-Rider between *Newport* and *Boston*; and that the Post-Rider pay the Port of every Letter to such Office nearest to which he shall receive it, and be under Oath for the faithful Performance of his Trust: That this Act continue in Force until further Orders from this Assembly: That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be requested to write to and transmit a Copy of this Act to the Governor of *Connecticut*, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, requesting them to pay their Proportions of the Expence of the Post-Riders, as usually practised.

*T. Lindsey* allowed £8 8 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Lindsey* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged to the Colony, for the Use of his Packet for carrying the Colony Committee to *New-Shoreham*, and bringing them back; which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eight Pounds and Eight Shillings*, to wit, the first Article of his Charge, be and hereby is allowed; and that the same be paid to him, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of Safety:

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, *Carder Hazard*, *Nathan Miller*, and *Gideon Mumford*, be, and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed, a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, who are hereby directed to pay off the Troops to the last Day of this Month, and to close their Accounts on the Eighth Day of *September* next: That the Committee hereby appointed meet at *Providence* on the Fifteenth Day of *September*, to proceed upon the said Business, and make Report to this General Assembly at the then next succeeding Session: And that his Honor the Deputy Governor transmit the said Accounts, as soon as may

may be after they shall be audited, to the Honorable the Continental Congress.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Lasell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for two Journeys to *Cambridge*, and one to *New-London*, on public Service, and for his Horse-hire and Expences; which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds and Two Skillings* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Lasell*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS notwithstanding the humble and dutiful Petition of the last Congress to the King, and other wise and pacific Measures taken for obtaining a happy Reconciliation between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, the Ministry, lost to every Sentiment of Justice, Liberty, and Humanity, continue to send Troops and Ships of War into *America*, which destroy our Trade, plunder and burn our Towns, and murder the good People of these Colonies :

*It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That this Colony most ardently wish to see the former Friendship, Harmony and Intercourse, between *Britain* and these Colonies restored, and a happy and lasting Connection established between both Countries, upon Terms of just and equal Liberty; and will concur with the other Colonies in all proper Measures for obtaining those desirable Blessings: And as every Principle, divine and human, require us to obey that great and fundamental Law of Nature, Self-Preservation, until Peace shall be restored upon constitutional Principles; this Colony will most heartily exert the whole Power of Government, in Conjunction with the other Colonies, for carrying on this just and necessary War, and bringing the same to a happy Issue. And amongst other Measures for obtaining this most desirable Purpose, this Assembly is persuaded, that the building and equipping an *American Fleet*, as soon as possible, would greatly and essentially conduce to the Preservation of the

*J. Lasell* allowed £ 7 2 s.

Instructions to the Delegates.



the Lives, Liberty and Property, of the good People of these Colonies; and therefore instruct their Delegates to use their whole Influence, at the ensuing Congress, for building, at the Continental Expence, a Fleet of sufficient Force for the Protection of these Colonies, and for employing them in such Manner and Places as will most effectually annoy our Enemies, and contribute to the common Defence of these Colonies: And they are also instructed to use all their Influence for carrying on the War in the most vigorous Manner, until Peace, Liberty and Safety, be restored, and secured to these Colonies upon an equitable and permanent Basis.

Money to be transmitted due from the Continental Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Delegates for this Colony to the Congress, to be holden by Adjournment at *Philadelphia* on the Fifth Day of *September* next, be and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to receive of the Continental-Treasurer the Money due from the United Colonies to this Colony, for the several Sums of Money advanced for raising of Forces, purchasing Arms, Tents, Provisions, Cloathing and warlike Stores, for the Defence of the said United Colonies; and transmit the same to the General-Treasurer of this Colony, by such faithful Person or Persons as they can trust, and under such Guard as they shall judge expedient and necessary.

Report of one of the Delegates accepted.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Samuel Ward*, Esq; one of the Delegates from this Colony to the Congress, held at *Philadelphia* on the Tenth Day of *May* last, hath made a Report unto this Assembly of many of the Proceedings and Resolves of the said Congress, consisting of Measures by them taken for defending the United Colonies against the Attacks of our cruel and unnatural Enemies, Measures for the Security of the Frontiers, the Preservation of Peace and Friendship with the People of *Canada* and the *Indian* Nations, the Emission of a Continental Currency for defraying the Expences of the War, a Petition to the King, an Address to the People of *England*, an Address to the People

ple of *Ireland*, a Letter to the Lord-Mayor of *London*, a Letter to the Assembly of *Jamaica*, the Establishment of a General Post-Office, and some occasional Resolutions.

*IT is thereupon Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted and approved, and that the Thanks of this Assembly be given to the Delegates of the Continental Congress in general, and to the Delegates of this Colony in particular, for their wise, spirited, and faithful Discharge of the important Trust reposed in them.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Delegates from this Colony to the Congress, to be holden at *Philadelphia* by Adjournment on the Fifth Day of *September* next, be and they are empowered to apply to their own respective Uses *Two Hundred Dollars* each, of the Money which they may receive of the Continental-Treasurer in Behalf of this Colony, on Account of their Expences and Services at the Congress, and that they be severally accountable to the Colony therefor.

Delegates allowed 200 Dollars each.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Continental Currency emitted by the Congress, at their last Session in *Philadelphia*, on the Tenth Day of *May* last, be and it is hereby made a lawful Tender, at the Rate of *Six Shillings* Lawful Money a Dollar, and in the same Proportion as to Gold and Silver, in all Payments whatsoever, whether of a public or private Nature, and whether due in Lawful Money, Dollars, Gold or Silver Coin, Sterling Money, Bills of Exchange, or any other Currency whatsoever. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That whosoever shall counterfeit the said Continental Currency or Bills, or pass the same in this Colony, knowing the same to be counterfeit, such Person or Persons, upon legal Conviction thereof, shall be liable to and suffer the same Pains, Penalties and Punishments, as by Law Persons counterfeiting the Lawful Money Bills of this Colony are liable to.

Continental Currency to be a lawful Tender, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That eight Field Pieces be provided and prepared for the Use of the Colony,  
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Eight Field  
Pieces to be  
mounted.

and that Mr. *Nicholas Power* be and he is hereby appointed to provide and prepare six of said Field Pieces, and Mr. *Jacob Greene* the other two; and that the said *Nicholas Power* put in Order the Carriages of the Colony Guns placed in the *Providence Battery*.

Bounty on  
Salt-Petre.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Bounty of *Three Shillings* a Pound be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, on every Pound of Salt-Petre that may be made in this Colony by the Twenty-sixth Day of *August*, A. D. 1776, suitable to be manufactured into Gunpowder, and *Three Shillings* a Pound for every Pound of such Salt-Petre, exclusive of said Bounty; and that Mr. *Joseph Brown*, *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and the Secretary of this Colony, be and they are hereby appointed Inspectors and Provers of the Quality thereof; and that no Person be entitled to said Bounty and Value, until he shall have first made Oath before the Secretary that the Salt-Petre offered for Inspection was actually made in this Colony; and that in order to its being so proved, that the Manufacturers thereof convey the same to the Town of *Providence*, and that the same be delivered to and deposited with the General-Treasurer.

*E. Burr* allowed £ 69s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ezekiel Burr* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Expences in going to *Block-Island* on public Business, and of the Men with him, and for his Time, Horse hire and Expences, in going to *East-Greenwich*, by Order of his Honor the Deputy-Governor, on the public Service: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds and Nine Shillings*, be paid unto the said *Ezekiel Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

Governor  
*Cooke* to write  
to General  
*Washington*  
about the  
Stock to be  
taken off the  
Islands

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be requested to write a Letter to his Excellency General *Washington*, informing him of the Steps this Colony have taken to secure the Stock upon the

the Islands lying within this Jurisdiction; and to request his Excellency to use his Authority, that such of said Stock as may be fit for Market be received by the Commissary-General, for the Use of the Army.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathan Bussnell*, jun. exhibited unto *N. Bussnell*, this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in bringing the Western Mails from *New-London* to *Providence*, and carrying the Mails from *Providence* to *New-London*, and for his Time in being detained by his Honor the Deputy-Governor to carry Letters to *Philadelphia*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Nathan Bussnell*, jun. out of the General-Treasury. jun. allowed  
£ 2 14s. 6d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing two Emissions of Lawful Money Bills, the Proceedings of the General Assembly at the two Sessions in *June*, and sundry other Services: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixty-nine Pounds Four Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *John Carter*, out of the General-Treasury. J. Carter allowed  
£ 69 4s. 11d.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the monthly Wages of *Abraham Whipple*, Captain of the Colony Sloop, be raised from *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings* to *Nine Pounds*, from the Time he entered on board said Sloop. A. Whipple's  
Wages raised.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *James Rhodes*, *Gideon Hoxsie*, *George Sheffield*, *Joshua Babcock*, *Abel Tanner*, *Joseph Hoxsie*, and *William Potter*, be and they or any three of them are hereby appointed a Committee to take Possession of the Stock that may be brought off from *New-Shoreham*, by Order of this Assembly; Committee to  
dispose of the  
Stock taken  
from Block-  
Island.

fembly ; and such of said Stock as may be fit for a Market, immediately to send to the Army ; that such of said Stock as may not be fit for a Market they immediately sell and dispose of to the best Advantage, either at public or private Sale, unless the Owners of said Stock shall choose to take their own Stock into Possession at their own Risque, and that they make Report thereof to the next General Assembly.

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An A C T dividing the Second Company or Trained Band in the Town of *Scituate* into two Companies, appointing Officers, &c.

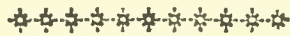
Second Company in *Scituate* divided into two Companies.

WHEREAS a Number of Persons, belonging to the Second Trained Band or Company of Militia in the Town of *Scituate*, by Petition represented unto this Assembly, that said Company is now grown sufficiently large for two Companies, and thereupon prayed this Assembly, that for their better Accommodation and Convenience they might be divided into two Companies, by the following divisional Line, to wit: Beginning at *Cōventry* Line, two Rods East of *Thomas Place's* House, from thence Northerly to the North Line of the *Westconouage* Purchase, leaving *Daniel Benner's* House to the Westward of said Line.

AND this General Assembly taking the same into Consideration, *Do Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That said Company be and the same is hereby divided into two Companies, in Manner and according to the Lines above described ; and that all the Soldiers living to the Westward of said Line shall remain and belong to the Second Company, and that all Persons living to the Eastward of said Line, who heretofore belonged to the said Second Company, shall for the future belong to the Sixth Company in *Scituate*. And it is further Voted at the Request of the Petitioners,



tioners, that the following Officers be and hereby are appointed to command the said Sixth Company, to wit: *Stephen Sheldon* Captain, *Daniel Howard* Lieutenant, and *James Wells* Ensign.



*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act to prevent the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; from acting as Governor of this Colony, until the Oath of Office shall be administered to him in open General Assembly, with the Consent of the Assembly, &c. which was passed at the Session held on the First *Wednesday* in *May* last, and continued by an Act passed at the Session held on the Second *Monday* in *June* last, and further continued by an Act passed at the Session held on *Wednesday* the Twenty-eighth Day of the same *June*, be still continued, and remain in Force, until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session.

Act suspend-  
ing *J. Wan-*  
*ton*, Esq;

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; one of the Delegates of this Colony at the Continental Congress, be empowered to receive *Eighty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, on Account of his Expences and Services at said Congress, from the Time he last set out for *Philadelphia*, to the Time of the last Adjournment of said Congress; and that he be accountable for the same to the Colony.

*S. Hopkins* al-  
lowed £ 80.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Samuel Ward*, Esq; one of the Delegates for this Colony at the Continental Congress, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services at said Congress, and sundry Expences in going to, during his Residence at, and returning from *Philadelphia*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Eighty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Threepence One Farthing* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Samuel Ward*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Ward* al-  
lowed £ 83  
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*W. Compton*  
allowed £ 1  
1 s.

WHEREAS Mr *William Compton* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for attending on the Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound One Shilling* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *William Compton*, out of the General-Treasury.

*D. Branch* al-  
lowed £ 1 4 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services in cleaning the Court House, and attending on the General-Assembly at the present Session ; which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *One Pound Four Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Pulling* al-  
lowed £ 1 1 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Pulling* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for six Days Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session : And the same being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound One Shilling* Lawful Money, be paid the said *William Pulling*, out of the General-Treasury.

Act to pre-  
vent Sheep  
and Cattle  
from crossing  
the Ferries to  
*Newport* in  
large Quanti-  
ties.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the late Proceedings of the Members of the Committee of Inspection of *South-Kingstown*, and several other Towns, respecting the stopping and regulating the passing of a Number of Neat-Cattle over the Ferries to *Newport* from *South-Kingstown*. belonging to *George Irish*, be approved of ; and that it is expected and requested, that the Committees of Inspection for the Towns do at all Times use their utmost Endeavours that Stock be not suffered to pass over any of the Ferries to *Newport*, in larger Numbers than two at a Time, except Sheep, and of those but five at a Time, while any Danger may remain of their being taken by our Enemies ; and that the Proprietors of the Ferries and their Ferry-men govern themselves accordingly.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Colonel Samuel Aborn, Colonel John Low, Richard Smith, Esq; Mr. Benjamin Bosworth, Sylvester Gardner, Esq; and Mr. Benjamin Gardner, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause all the Cattle and Sheep, that are fit to be killed, to be forthwith removed and carried off all the Islands in this Colony, Rhode-Island excepted and Block-Island, for which Provision hath already been made; to this End the Committee are to request the Owners to remove them, and to give them Assistance; and if the Owners refuse, then this Committee are to cause them to be appraised by proper Persons of their Appointment, and to transport them to the main Land, to be sent to the Camp and sold, for which the Owners shall be indemnified; that the Stock on Prudence and Hog-Islands be removed to Bristol by the said Richard Smith and Benjamin Bosworth, and the Stock on Jamestown be removed to South-Kingstown or North-Kingstown; by the said Sylvester Gardner and Benjamin Gardner; that said Committee be empowered to take such Assistance, Vessels and Boats, as they shall think necessary, and all at the Expence of the Colony; and the said Committee are also empowered to order the two armed Vessels belonging to the Colony to assist in removing said Cattle and Sheep; that William Bradford, Esq; send those Cattle and Sheep to the Camp that may be brought to Bristol; and that John Northup, Esq; send those Cattle and Sheep to the Camp that may be brought to South-Kingstown or North-Kingstown:*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, with the Advice of the Committee appointed to transact public Matters during the Recess of the Assembly, be requested to write an Answer to the Letter from the Council of the Colony of the Massachusetts-Bay, dated August 18, 1775, to the Deputy-Governor, and to take such Orders respecting the Prisoners therein referred to as they shall think proper.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That if any Person or Persons shall refuse to take the Paper Money emitted*

Act for removing Stock from the Islands.

Deputy-Governor to write the Council of the Massachusetts-Bay, respecting Prisoners, &c.

Act declaring those who shall refuse Bills of Credit, Enemies.

August, 1775

by this Colony, the Paper Money emitted by the Continental Congress, or by any of the *American Colonies*, in Payment for any Debt, Duty, or Demand of a pecuniary Nature, he shall incur the Displeasure of this General-Assembly, and ought to be held and esteemed as an Enemy to its Credit. Reputation and Happiness, and totally destitute of that Regard and Obligation he is under to his Country and the Cause of Liberty, which they are deeply engaged to support and defend; and that the good People of this Colony and *America* ought to withdraw all Communication from such Person or Persons.

Committees  
continued.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Committees heretofore appointed, who were to have reported to this Assembly at the present Session, and have not, be and they are hereby continued for the Purposes for which they were appointed; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Adjourn-  
ment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of each County in the Colony, by them to be transmitted to the several Town Clerks in the County; and that this Assembly be adjourned to the Fourth *Tuesday* of *October* next, at *Providence*, if called, but if not called before nor at said Time, then to be dissolved.

G O D save the K I N G.

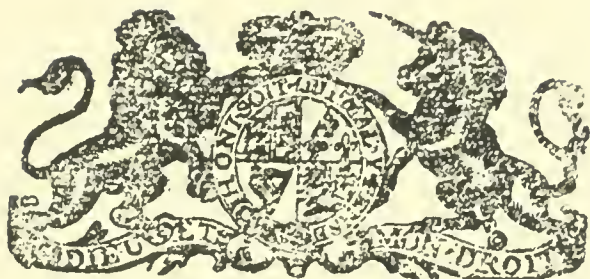
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W I T N E S S,

*Henry Ward*



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden (in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Honor the Deputy-Governor) at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on *Tuesday* the Thirty-first Day of *October*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, and Sixteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *G E O R G E* the Third, by the Grace of *G O D*, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

*Nicholas Cooke, Esq;*

D E P U T Y - G O V E R N O R .

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;  
SIMEON POTTER, Esq;  
AMBROSE PAGE, Esq,  
JOHN SAYLES, jun. Esq;  
JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;  
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;  
PETER PHILLIPS, Esq;  
THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y .  
D E P U T I E S



## DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS

<i>The Hon.</i> METCALF	BOWLER, <i>Esq</i> ; <i>Speaker</i> .
NEWPORT:	CHARLESTOWN:
Mr. John Wanton ( <i>Son of</i> Gi- deon)	Capt. Joseph Stanton, <i>jun</i> .
Paul Mumford, <i>Esq</i> ;	Mr. James Congdon, <i>the 3d</i> .
Mr. John Tanner,	WEST-GREENWICH:
Mr. Joseph Anthony,	Mr. Jonathan Comstock.
Mr. Thomas Freebody,	COVENTRY:
Col. Joseph Belcher.	John Rice, <i>Esq</i> ;
PROVIDENCE:	Mr. Ephraim Westcoat.
Mr. John Jenckes,	EXETER:
Mr. John Smith,	Mr. Thomas Wilcocks.
Col. John Mathewson.	MIDDLETOWN:
PORTSMOUTH:	Mr. Nicholas Easton.
Mr. Job Durfee.	BRISTOL:
WARWICK:	William Bradford, <i>Esq</i> ;
William Greene, <i>Esq</i> ;	Benjamin Bosworth, <i>Esq</i> ;
Mr. Jacob Greene,	TIVERTON:
Col. John Waterman,	Mr. Thomas Corey,
Mr. Charles Holden.	Col. John Cooke.
WESTERLY:	LITTLE-COMPTON:
Major General Joshua Babcock,	Capt. Thomas Brownell,
Col. Joseph Noyes.	Col. William Richmond.
NEW-SHOREHAM:	WARREN:
Mr. John Sands,	Mr. Cromel Child,
Mr. Walter Rathbun.	Mr. James Miller.
NORTH-KINGSTOWN:	CUMBERLAND:
John Northup, <i>Esq</i> ;	John Dexter, <i>Esq</i> ;
Major Sylvester Gardner.	Mr. Rufus Bartlet.
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:	RICHMOND:
John Potter, <i>Esq</i> ;	Edward Perry, <i>Esq</i> ;
Mr. Job Watfon.	Mr. William Tefit.
EAST-GREENWICH:	CRANSTON:
Mr. Job Gardner.	Col. Christopher Lippitt.
JAMESTOWN:	HOPKINTON:
Capt. Samuel Carr,	Mr. John Larkin,
Mr. Edward Carr.	Mr. Thomas Wells.
SMITHFIELD:	JOHNSTON:
Mr. Arnold Paine,	Mr. Edward Fenner,
Stephen Whipple, <i>Esq</i> ;	Caleb Harris, <i>Esq</i> ;
SCITUATE:	NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
William West, <i>Esq</i> ;	Esek Hopkins, <i>Esq</i> ;
Mr. Christopher Potter.	Capt. Job Olney.
GLOUCESTER:	BARRINGTON
Silas Williams, <i>Esq</i> ;	Col. Nathaniel Martin,
Mr. Daniel Owen.	Capt. Thomas Allen.
JOSIAS LYNDON, <i>Esq</i> ;	<i>Clerk of the Lower House.</i>

WHEREAS there are fundry Petitions lying before this General Assembly, praying that Executions may be stayed: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all such Executions be stayed until said Petitions are heard by this Assembly, and that all Sheriffs in this Colony govern themselves accordingly.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; Messieurs *John G. Wanton*, and *John Fenckes*, who were appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Accounts, together with their Report thereon, as followeth, *to wit* :

Dr. Account Current. The Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c. with *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer of said Colony.

1773, } Aug. }	To Cash paid <i>Walter Chalonier</i> , <i>Job Bennet</i> and <i>John G. Wanton</i> , towards finishing the new Gaol,	}	£ 210	0	0
	To Ditto paid <i>Oliver Ring Warner</i> on Account of Repairs at <i>Fort-George</i> ,				
	To Ditto paid Ditto, for finishing the Wharff on <i>Goat-Island</i> ,				
1774, } Dec. }	To Ditto paid Messieurs <i>Simeon Potter</i> , <i>John Fenckes</i> and <i>John Read</i> , for the Use of the Colony,	}	1069	2	4½
1775, } July. }	To Ditto paid the Wages, &c. of the Gunner and Soldiers at <i>Fort-George</i> ,				
Sept. 27.	To the Amount of Charges contained in the Treasurer's Book, kept in alphabetical Order, against the Colony,	}	5527	12	3¼
	To the Amount of petty Charges since last Audit,				
April.	To Cash paid <i>Daniel Tillinghast</i> , &c. Officers of the United Artillery Company, as per Order of Assembly,	}	40	0	0
Sept. 25.	To Ditto paid <i>William Richmond</i> , as one of the Committee of Safety,				
	To Ditto paid <i>William Bradford</i> , as Ditto,	}	4320	0	0
					To

To Ditto paid <i>Daniel Tillinghast</i> , as Ditto,	£ 7919	1	2
To Ditto paid <i>John Smith</i> , as Ditto,	9558	0	0
To Ditto paid <i>John Northup</i> , as Ditto,	4075	0	0
To Ditto paid <i>Jacob Greene</i> , as Ditto,	6472	10	0
To Ditto paid <i>Joseph Stanton</i> , as Ditto,	1065	0	0
To Ditto paid <i>Simeon Potter</i> , the Sum hired of him, with Interest,	313	15	2½
To Ditto paid <i>John Jenckes</i> , for Sun- dries supplied for the Use of the Co- lony,	500	0	0
To Ditto paid <i>Henry Ward</i> , Secretary, from <i>April 2, 1773, to September 12,</i> <i>1775, as per Receipts,</i>	255	2	10
Mar. 1. To Ditto paid <i>Benjamin Underwood</i> , Executor to the Estate of <i>John Pain</i> , deceased, in Part of a Bond which be- longed to <i>John Pain</i> , and the same is endorsed on the Bond,	165	14	4½
To Lawful Money Bills delivered the Committee to burn, Interest included,	3130	4	3
To <i>Crown-Point</i> Money, <i>Fifteen Shil- lings</i> , equal to	0	1	1½
To 1080 Treasurer's Notes, which were redeemed by Taxes delivered to the Committee to burn, Interest included,	9488	15	3½
To Old Tenor Bills received into the Treasury, and Notes issued for re- deeming the same in Lawful Money, £ 89002 9 3 Old Tenor, which was burnt, as <i>per Receipt</i> ,	3337	10	11
To Interest paid the Executors of <i>Jab- leel Brenton</i> , deceased, on £ 32508 Old Tenor, received into the Treasu- ry by Order of Assembly, by giving two Notes for the Sum of	241	1	8
To 82 Treasurer's Notes discharged, which were given for redeeming Old Tenor Bills, and delivered the same to the Committee to burn, £ 522 5 3½ Principal, and £ 89 8 2½ Interest,	611	13	5½

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By Ditto of Ditto, <i>Johnston</i> excepted, <i>A. D.</i> 1773,	}	£	57	8	2
By Ditto of Ditto, <i>A. D.</i> 1774,			29	8	2½
By Lawful Money Bills emitted at <i>Providence</i> , <i>May</i> , <i>A. D.</i> 1775,	}	20000	0	0	
By Ditto emitted at <i>East-Greenwich</i> , <i>June</i> , 1775,			10000	0	0
By Ditto emitted at <i>Providence</i> , <i>June</i> , 1775,	}	10000	0	0	
By Treasurer's Notes issued for redeeming the Old Tenor Bills, 383 Notes, amounting to			3353	9	9½
By 2 Treasurer's Notes, issued to <i>Jableel Brenton</i> and others, Executors of the last Will and Testament of <i>Jableel Brenton</i> , Esq; deceased, it being for the Interest of £ 32508 Old Tenor, received into the Treasury, and Interest allowed by Order of Assembly, from <i>January</i> 1, 1772, to <i>February</i> 4, 1775,	}		241	1	8
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			£	67228	19 9½

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, do report, that we find a Balance of *Twenty-five Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds Five Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny* Old Tenor, and the Sum of *Four Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-five Pounds Eleven Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny* Lawful Money, due to the Colony, agreeable to the above Account.

METCALF. BOWLER,  
JOHN G. WANTON,  
JOHN JENCKES.

*Providence, September 30, 1775.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS



WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *Mr. John Wanton*, (Son of *Gideon*) and *Mr. John Jenckes*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

THE Subscribers, together with *George Hazard*, Esq; being appointed a Committee to receive and burn all the Lawful Money Bills and Notes redeemed by the General-Treasurer, do report, that we have received of *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, the following Bills and Notes, *to wit* :

Lawful Money Bills, dated *December 23, 1758*, *Two Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Principal, and *Thirteen Shillings and Ninepence* Interest.

Ditto, dated *May 8, 1758*, *Twelve Shillings and Sixpence* Principal, and *Two Shillings and Sevenpence* Interest.

Ditto, dated *March 10, 1760*, *Eighty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny* Principal, and *Sixty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sevenpence Farthing* Interest.

Ditto, dated *May 12, 1760*, *One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Principal, and *One Hundred and Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Elevenpence* Interest.

Ditto, dated *March 20, 1762*, *Two Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny* Principal, and *One Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds Four Shillings and Three Farthings* Interest.

Ditto, dated *April 10, 1762*, *One Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny* Principal, and *One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds and Tenpence Three Farthings* Interest.

Ditto, dated *May 8, 1762*, *One Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence* Principal, and *One Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Sixpence* Interest.

Ditto, dated *November 1, 1762*, *Three Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sixpence Three Farthings* Principal, and *Two Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds Four Shillings and Threepence One Farthing* Interest.

Ditto, dated *March 1, 1776*, *One Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds Three Shillings and One Halfpenny* Principal,  
and

and Fifty-seven Pounds Two Shillings and Sevenpence Farthing Interest.

Ditto, dated February 28, 1767, Five Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Six Shillings Principal, and Two Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Nine Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny Interest.

The Sum of Fifteen Shillings, Crown-Point Bills.

The Sum of Four Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds Eight Shillings and Sixpence, in Old Tenor Bills.

1 Treasurer's Note, dated March 11, 1765, Twelve Shillings and Sixpence Principal, and Five Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny Interest.

172 Ditto, dated March 20, 1767, Thirteen Hundred and Twenty-three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Ninepence Principal, and Five Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds Two Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny Interest.

132 Ditto, dated April 10, 1767, Five Hundred and Ninety-seven Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny Principal, and Two Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds Eight Shillings and Sixpence Interest.

144 Ditto, dated May 8, 1767, Six Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds and Sixpence Principal, and Two Hundred and Ninety-seven Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny Interest.

11 Ditto, dated May 13, 1767, Four Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds and Elevenpence Halfpenny Principal, and One Hundred and Twenty Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence Farthing Interest.

212 Ditto, dated November 1, 1767, Fifteen Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Five Shillings and Eightpence Principal, and Six Hundred and Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eightpence Halfpenny Interest.

141 Ditto, dated March 1, 1768, Three Hundred and Sixteen Pounds Three Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny Principal, and One Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Nine Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings Interest.

212 Ditto, dated February 28, 1769, Eleven Hundred Pounds Five Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny Principal, and Three Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence Interest.

6 Ditto, dated February 28, 1770, One Hundred and Forty-two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Fourpence Three

*Three Farthings Principal, and Twenty-eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Tenpence Interest.*

9 Ditto, dated March 1, 1770, *One Hundred and Two Pounds Eight Shillings and Twopence Farthing Principal, and Twenty-five Pounds One Shilling and Threepence Halfpenny Interest.*

3 Ditto, dated March 20, 1770, *Thirty-four Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Elevenpence Farthing Principal, and Seven Pounds Three Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny Interest.*

11 Ditto, dated April 10, 1770, *Two Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Twopence Principal, and Fifty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Ninepence Farthing Interest.*

13 Ditto, dated May 8, 1770, *Two Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds Ten Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings Principal, and Forty-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny Interest.*

13 Ditto, dated November 1, 1770, *Two Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sevenpence Principal, and Thirty-seven Pounds Six Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny Interest.*

ALL which we have burnt, agreeable to said Appointment.

	Principal.			Interest.		
December, 1758,	£	2	15 0	£	0	13 9
May, 1758,		0	12 6		0	2 7
March 10, 1760,		83	14 4 $\frac{1}{2}$		64	15 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
May 12, 1760,		136	15 0		103	15 11
March 20, 1762,		247	17 6 $\frac{1}{2}$		196	4 0 $\frac{3}{4}$
April 10, 1762,		173	12 4 $\frac{1}{2}$		136	0 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
May 8, 1762,		156	2 6		121	3 6
November 1, 1762,		394	13 6 $\frac{3}{4}$		287	4 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
March 1, 1766,		161	3 0 $\frac{1}{2}$		57	2 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
February 28, 1767,		553	6 0		252	9 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
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		1910	11 10 $\frac{1}{4}$		1219	12 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Interest,		1219	12 4 $\frac{3}{4}$		<hr/>	

3130 4 3      Total of Lawful  
                          Money Bills burnt.  
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	Notes.	Principal.	Interest.
March 11, 1765,	1	£ 0 12 6	£ 0 5 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
March 20, 1767,	172	1323 13 9	587 2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
April 10, 1767,	132	597 4 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	258 8 6
May 8, 1767,	144	692 0 6	297 19 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nov. 1, 1767,	212	1562 5 8	607 13 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
May 13, 1767,	11	433 0 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	120 2 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
March 1, 1768	141	316 3 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	113 9 1 $\frac{3}{4}$
February 28, 1769,	212	1100 5 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	318 4 4
February 28, 1770,	6	142 17 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	28 18 10
March 1, 1770,	9	102 8 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	25 1 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
March 20, 1770,	3	34 19 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 3 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
April 10, 1770,	11	219 13 2	51 3 9 $\frac{1}{4}$
May 8, 1770,	13	232 10 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	49 2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
November 1, 1770,	13	228 17 7	37 6 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Notes,	1080	6986 14 1	2502 1 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Interest,		2502 1 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	

£ 9488 15 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  Total of Treasurer's Notes burnt.

Crown-Point Money burnt, £ 0 15 0  
 Old Tenor Bills Ditto, 456 8 6  
 82 Treasurer's Notes, which were given for redeeming the Old Tenor Bills received into the General-Treasury, amounting to the Sum of. *Five Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Five Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny* Principal, and *Eighty-nine Pounds Eight Shillings and Twopence Farthing* Interest.

	Principal.	Interest.
82 Treasurer's Notes,	£ 522 5 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	£ 89 8 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
	89 8 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	

611 13 5 $\frac{3}{4}$

METCALF BOWLER,  
 JOHN G. WANTON,  
 JOHN JENCKES.

Providence, September 30, 1775.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the following Account was exhibited unto this Assembly, *to wit* :

Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Dr

To our Time and Trouble in settling the Treasurer's Accounts, calculating Interest upon, and burning the Lawful Money Bills, Old Tenor Bills and Treasurer's Notes :

<i>Metcalf Bowler</i> , 17 Days, at 12 s.	£ 10	8	0	<i>M. Bowler</i> allowed £. 10 8 s.
<i>John G. Wanton</i> 17 Ditto, at Ditto,	10	8	0	<i>J. G. Wanton</i> £ 10 8 s.
Each including their Expences, } Horse-hire, &c. }				<i>J. Jenckes</i> £ 4 10 s.
<i>John Jenckes</i> , 15 Ditto, at 6 s.		4	10	0
		25	6	0

AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed : And that the Amount thereof be paid out of the General-Treasury, in the following Manner, *to wit* : To the said *Metcalf Bowler*, Ten Pounds Eight Shillings Lawful Money : To the said *John G. Wanton*, Ten Pounds Eight Shillings Lawful Money : And to the said *John Jenckes*, Four Pounds Ten Shillings Lawful Money.

WHEREAS *Edward Cole*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Petition and Declaration, *to wit* :

To the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. now sitting at Providence,

HUMBLY sheweth *Edward Cole*, of *Newport*, That he is called by Business of great Importance to himself to proceed to *Carlisle*, in the Province of *Pennsylvania* : That having some Time past, in common Conversation, spoken in such a Manner as to induce many People to think that he was inimical to this his native Country (although he never in any Way whatever, either by giving Information or Intelligence, or otherwise, did any Thing to the Prejudice of *America*) he thought proper to apply to his Honor the Deputy-Governor, to give him a Pass to proceed through the Country, lest from the Prejudice aforesaid he might meet

Petition and Declaration of *E. Cole*.



meet with some Interruption in his intended Journey ; who did not choose to comply with his Request unless by the Advice of the Committee : That the Committee being empowered to act only during the Recess of the General Assembly, he is under the Necessity of applying to your Honors.—He begs Leave to represent, that he hath no other Intention in pursuing his said Journey than transacting his own private Business ; and to assure your Honors, that during the Course of it, he will in every Respect conduct himself as a real Well-wisher and a hearty Friend to his Country, as he in Truth is, and will abide by and be governed by the Resolutions of the Continental Congress : He therefore humbly prays your Honors to request his Honor the Deputy-Governor to grant him a Pass or Certificate, that he may pursue his said Journey, without Danger of Interruption from Misapprehension of his Principles or Intentions. And as in Duty bound will ever pray, &c.

EDWARD COLE.

I THE Subscriber dreading Censure from my Countrymen, on the Score of what mistakenly may have been apprehended to be my political Principles, now seriously declare and avow my Principles to be the following, *to wit* : That I solemnly declare, that I justify and voluntarily adopt the Resolutions of this General Assembly in using Force against Force, at and near to *Boston*, in opposing the ministerial Troops, and that we of this Colony have good Cause to withstand, and to our utmost oppose the mandatory Edicts of the *British* Parliament to enslave the Inhabitants of this Country, and compel them by Force to submit to Vassalage, and in Consequence of which an Army has been sent into *Boston*, and are now there ; and from henceforward I (if needed) will co-operate with my Countrymen in their Opposition, &c.

EDWARD COLE.

AND the said Petition and Declaration being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Declaration be accepted by this Assembly ; and that his Honor the Deputy-Governor be requested to grant the  
 Petitioner

Petitioner a Pass, agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Five Hundred good and effective Men be immediately raised as Soldiers for the Defence of the Colony, for one Year, unless dismissed before; that proper Officers be appointed to command them; and that *John Sayles, jun. Esq. Hopkins, and Henry Marchant, Esquires*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare an Act accordingly. Act for raising 500 Men.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Dexter, William Greene, Paul Mumford, and Thomas Church, Esquires*, be a Committee to examine the Prisoners taken into Custody by General *Hopkins*, and make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be; and that General *Hopkins* be requested to attend said Committee. Committee to examine Prisoners.

WHEREAS Mr. *Asa Franklin* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express to Governor *Trumbull*, by Order of his Honor the Deputy-Governor: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Asa Franklin*, out of the General-Treasury. A. Franklin allowed £ 2 14.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Tew*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Ten Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *James Tew*, out of the General-Treasury. J. Tew allowed 10s.6d.

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WHEREAS

*J. Tew* allowed £0 4 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Tew*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of *Mary* and *Susannah Lamb*, poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Six Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *James Tew*, out of the General-Treasury.

Troops on *Jamestown* to be reinforced.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Soldiers on *Jamestown* be reinforced with a sufficient Number of Men, to be immediately raised by *John Northup*, Esq; if necessary, with the Assistance of Colonel *Brown*; and that Colonel *Brown* send such Officer or Officers to command such Men, as he shall think proper ; and that said Troops be under the Commanding Officer now on *Jamestown*.

*E. Tafft* allowed 16s. 6d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Tafft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for sweeping and cleaning the Court-House in the County of *King's County*, and attending on the General Assembly at *October Sessions*, *A. D. 1775* : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Sixteen Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Ebenezer Tafft*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Tafft, jun.* allowed £ 1 2 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Tafft, jun.* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for one Cord of Wood, provided for the Use of the Court-House in the County of *King's County*, and Attendance on the General Assembly at *October Sessions*, *A. D. 1775* : Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *One Pound Two Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid

paid the said *James Tafft*, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *John Barker*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Monies by him laid out and expended in providing Lead and Flints for the Town of *Middletown*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Twelve Skillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *John Barker*, out of the General-Treasury.

*7. Barker al-*  
lowed £ 2  
12 s. 6 d.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Messieurs Thomas Greene, Nathaniel Mumford, and Gideon Mumford*, be a Committee to audit all the Accounts of Charges of removing the Stock off the several Islands in the Colony.

Committee  
to audit the  
Accounts of  
Stock re-  
moved from  
the Islands.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Conduct of *General Hopkins*, in Respect to taking into his Possession, in Behalf of the Colony, the Estates of *George Rome, Benjamin Brenton, the Heirs of Andrew Oliver, Esq; deceased, Jahleel Brenton, and Thomas Hutchinson*, as Persons inimical to the true Interest of the Colony, be approved of; and that the said Estates be kept in the Possession of those Persons appointed by the General, in Behalf of the Colony; and that they account to the Colony for the back and future Rents and Profits thereof.

Conduct of  
General  
*Hopkins* ap-  
proved.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's County* be and he is hereby directed to take Possession, in Behalf of the Colony, of a certain Farm on *Point-Judith*, in the County of *King's County*, in Possession of *Silas Niles*, and of the Stock of every Kind thereon, belonging to *Samuel Sewall*, now in *Boston*; and that the said Farm and Stock be lett out: That the said *Silas Niles* account for all back Rents due to the said Sheriff, in Behalf of the Colony: That the said Sheriff be and he is hereby ordered to take into

Sheriff of  
*King's County*  
to take into  
Possession cer-  
tain Estates.

into Possession a certain Farm in *Exeter*, in said County, belonging to the said *Samuel Sewall*, with all the Stock thereon, belonging to the said *Sewall*, and to let out the same in Behalf of the Colony, and account therefor on Demand: That *David Austin*, the present Tenant, account with the said Sheriff, in Behalf of the Colony, for all back Rents due: That the said Farms be rented to the present Tenants, they giving Bond to the General-Treasurer, for the Payment to the said General Treasurer of the Rents back, and the Rents hereafter arising: And that in like Manner the said Sheriff take into his Possession the Estate of Dr. *Thomas Moffat*, situate in *North-Kingstown*, in said County, now in Possession of *Charles Dyer*; and that he act and do therewith as above ordered, respecting the Estate of the said *Samuel Sewall*.

Sheriffs of  
*King's County*  
and *Bristol* to  
take Posses-  
sion of the  
Estates of the  
late *J. Bor-*  
*land*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the real Estate late belonging to *John Borland*, late of *Cambridge*, in the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, deceased, lying in the County of *Bristol*, in this Colony, with the Stock thereon, be forthwith taken into Possession by the Sheriff of said County of *Bristol*, in Behalf of this Colony; and that he rent the same to the present Tenant, provided he will give as high Rent for the same as any other Person; and that he give Bond to the General-Treasurer for the Payment of all back Rents, and for all Rents hereafter arising: That the Sheriff of the County of *King's County* take into his Possession all such real Estate in that County, late belonging to the said *John Borland*, with such Stock as may belong to the Heirs of the said *John Borland*; and that he rent the same to the present Tenants, provided they will give as much therefor as any other Person, and give Bond to the General-Treasurer for the Payment of all back Rents due, and for such Rents as shall hereafter arise.

Thanks giv-  
en to Col.  
*Brown*.

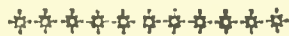
*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly, having a due Sense of the spirited Conduct of Col. *Robert Brown*, of *South-Kingstown*, in his late Exertions for the Relief of the Town of *Jamestown*, do hereby pre-  
sent



sent him the Thanks of this Assembly : And *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That he be requested to give his Attendance before this Assembly for their further Information.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Messenger be immediately dispatched to Lieutenant-Colonel *Pierce*, and to Captain *Simeon Clarke*, jun. of *Richmond*, requiring their immediate Attendance on this Assembly.

Colonel *Pierce* and Capt. *Clarke* summoned to attend the Assembly.



An A C T dividing the First trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *South-Kingstown*, into two Companies.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *South-Kingstown*, by Petition represented unto this Assembly, that the Militia in said Town is become too numerous for two Companies, and thereupon prayed that the First Company in said Town might be divided into two Companies, in the following Manner, *to wit* : Beginning at the great Cedar Swamp, running Eastward as the Road now runs to the House where *Adam Gould* now lives, and from thence to keep the Road Southward till it comes to *John Hawkins's*, from thence to take the Road leading to *Williams's* Mill, on *Sawcatuckett* River, and from thence keeping the River to *Point-Judith* Pond.

A<sup>d</sup> dividing the First Company in *South-Kingstown* into two.

AND this General Assembly taking the same into Consideration, *Do Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the said Company be and hereby is divided into two Companies; in Manner as above described; and that the West Part of said Division remain the First Company of Militia in said Town, and the remainder Part of said Division to be the Third Company in the said Town.

Bill for free-  
ing *Negroes*  
to be printed  
in the News-  
Papers.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That the further Con- sideration of the Bill for freeing *Negro* Slaves, now pending before this Assembly, be referred to the next Session: That in the mean Time a Copy thereof be published in the *Newport* and *Providence* News Papers: And that the Deputies of each Town in the Colony lay the same before their Constituents in Town-Meeting, and obtain their Opinions thereon, and present the same to this General Assembly, at their next Session.

State of *J.* WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Smith's Ac- Greene, and Gideon Mumford*, who were appointed a count with Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, presented unto this Assembly a State of the Accounts of Mr. *John Smith*, as follows, *to wit*:

*John Smith*, one of the Committee of Safety, to the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Dr.

1775, } Oct. 25. }	To Cash you received of the General-Treasurer,	£ 8958 0 0
	To Amount of the Commissary's Account for Pay to the Soldiers,	119 12 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	To Amount of sundries you charged the Colony, to be charged to <i>Peter Philips</i> , Esq; Commissary,	29 12 8
	To Amount of sundry Overcasts and Overcharges,	113 13 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	To 9 Barrels of Flour, as <i>per</i> Bill rendered,	13 14 4
	To Cash you received of the General-Treasurer,	600 0 0
	To Ditto you received of the General-Treasurer, <i>per</i> your Receipt,	37 10 0

Balance due to *John Smith*,

9872 3 0 $\frac{3}{4}$   
692 6 9 $\frac{1}{4}$

10564 9 10

Creditor.

By Amount paid the Field Officers and Surgeons,	171 14 2
By Amount of Muster-Rolls, Vessels, and your Account for Supplies,	10249 12 3
By Commissions on £ 9543 15 10, at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>per Cent</i> .	143 3 5

10564 9 10

THIS

THIS Account hath been examined and settled by us, by Order of the General Assembly.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Account being duly examined, *It* *J. Smith* *al-*  
*is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is <sup>lowed</sup>  
allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Six Hun-* £ 692 6s. 9¼  
*dred and Ninety-two Pounds Six Skillings and Ninepence*  
*Farthing* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *John*  
*Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas* State of *W.*  
*Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, who were appointed a *Bradford's*  
Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of <sup>Account.</sup>  
Safety, presented unto this Assembly a State of the  
Account of *William Bradford*, Esq; as follows, *to wit* :

*William Bradford*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safe-  
ty, to the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Dr.

1775,	}	To Cash you received of the General-	}	£ 4320	0	0
Oct. 2.		Treasurer,				
		To Amount of sundry Overcharges		6	8	0
		and Overcasts,				
Balance due to <i>William Bradford</i> ,				4326	8	0
				15	1	10½

4341 9 10½

Creditor.

By Amount of Pay, Biller, Bounty, &c.	}	716	8	2½
of Capt. <i>Matthew Allen's</i> Company, as per Roll,				
By Amount of Ditto, of Capt. <i>Sion</i>	}	603	1	0½
<i>Martindale's</i> Ditto,				
By Amount of Ditto, of Capt. <i>Jona-</i>	}	486	14	3½
<i>than Brownell's</i> Ditto,				
By Amount of Ditto, of Capt. <i>Thomas</i>	}	232	2	8
<i>Gray's</i> Ditto,				
By				

October, 1775.

By Amount of your Account of Sup- } £ 2239 1 11  
plies, as *per* Account,

By Commissions on £ 4271, at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  *per Cent.* } 4277 8  $1\frac{1}{2}$   
64 1 9

4341 9  $10\frac{1}{2}$

*N. B.* The above Sums as charged are nett Sums, the Amount of the Commissary's Account having been deducted. Examined and settled by us, by Order of the General Assembly.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

*W. Bradford* AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is*  
allowed *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is  
£ 15 1s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Fifteen*  
*Pounds One Shilling and Tenpence Halfpenny* Lawful  
Money, be paid the said *William Bradford*, out of the  
General-Treasury.

State of *J.* WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas*  
*Greene's Ac-* *Greene, and Gideon Mumford*, who were appointed a  
count. Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee  
of Safety, presented unto this Assembly a State of the  
Account of Mr. *Jacob Greene*, as follows, to wit:

*Jacob Greene*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to  
the Colony of *Rhode-Island* Dr.

1775, } To Amount of Cash you received of } £ 6472 10 0  
Sept. 24. } the General-Treasurer,

To Amount of the Commissary's Ac- }  
count, deducted from Soldiers Wa- } 52 1 8  
ges,

To Amount of sundry Overcasts and }  
Overcharges, } 31 4 5

Balance due to *Jacob Greene*, } 6555 16 1  
63 6  $9\frac{1}{4}$

6619 2  $10\frac{1}{4}$   
Creditor.

Creditor.		
1775.	By Amount of your Account,	£ 3183 6 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
	By Amount of <i>Nathaniel Greene</i> and Company's Account,	446 3 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
	By Amount of Capt. <i>Thomas Holden's</i> Company,	686 13 9
	By Amount of Capt. <i>Archibald Crary's</i> Company,	754 17 7
	By Amount of Capt. <i>Edmund Johnston's</i> Company,	673 14 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
	By Amount of Capt. <i>Christopher Smitb's</i> Company,	509 18 4
	By Amount of Doctors, Adjutants, &c. per Account,	195 4 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	By the Sloops <i>Katy</i> and <i>Washington's</i> Accounts,	72 11 5
	By Commissions on £ 6439 10 s. at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. having deducted the Sum of £ 83 on the other Side,	6522 10 10 96 12 0
		<hr/> £ 6619 2 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ <hr/>

THE above Account settled by us, by Order of the General Assembly.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is J. Greene* al-  
*Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and is hereby lowed £ 63  
allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *Sixty-* 6 s. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$   
*three Pounds Six Skillings and Ninepence Farthing* Lawful  
Money, be paid to the said *Jacob Greene*, out of the  
General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas* State of  
*Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, who were appointed a *Daniel Til-*  
Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee *lingbast's* Ac-  
of Safety, presented unto this Assembly a State of count.  
Account of *Daniel Tillingbast*, Esq; as follows, *to wit* :  
M m Daniel



*Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the Colony of *Rhode-Island* Dr.

1775, } Oct. 25, }	To Cash received of the General-Treasurer,	£ 8258	1	2
	To Amount of the Commissary's Account deducted from the Soldiers Wages,	50	11	8½
	To Amount of sundry Overcalts and Overcharges,	213	14	0½
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Balance due to <i>Daniel Tillinghast</i> ,		8531	6	11
		584	8	11¼
		<hr/>		
		9115	15	10¼
Creditor.				
	By Amount of your Account of five Companies and Vessels, as per Account of Particulars,	8958	2	4½
	By Commissions on £ 8711 16 7, at 1½ per Cent.	130	13	6
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		9115	15	10¼

THE above Account hath been examined and settled by us, by Order of the General Assembly.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

*D. Tillinghast* AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is*  
allowed £584 8 s. 11¼. *Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is  
allowed; and that the Balance thereof. being *Five Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Eight Shillings and Elevenpence One Farthing* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Daniel Tillinghast*, out of the General-Treasury.

State of *W. Richmond's*  
Account.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of *William Richmond*, Esq; as follows, *to wit* :  
*William*

October, 1775.

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*William Richmond*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the Colony of *Rhode-Island* Dr.

1775, } To Cash you received at sundry Times } £ 3890 0 0  
 Sept. 19, } of the General-Treasurer, }  
 To sundry Goods supplied by *Peter*  
*Phillips*, Esq; Commissary, and de-  
 ducted from the Pay of the Soldiers,  
 which you have charged, }

3970 5 9  
 140 14 4  
 4111 0 1

Balance due to *William Richmond*,

Creditor.

1775: By Amount of your Account of sun-  
 dry Supplies you paid, as per Ac-  
 count examined and Vouchers pro-  
 duced, } £ 1125 12 10½  
 By Amount of Capt. *John Topham's* } 609 12 8  
 Company, per Roll, }  
 By Amount of Capt. *William Cooke's* } 662 2 1  
 Company, per Ditto, }  
 By Amount of Capt. *Aaron Wilburn's* } 768 7 3  
 Company, per Ditto, }  
 By Amount of Capt. *William Tew's* } 542 1 1  
 Company, per Ditto, }  
 By Amount of Capt. *Ebenezer Flagg's* } 342 15 0½  
 Company, per Ditto, }

4050 10 11½

By Commissions on £ 3970 10 11½,  
 being the above Amount, deducting  
 the £ 80 of the Commissary's Ac-  
 count, }

59 11 1½

By an Error in 3 Bolts of Duck, of  
*Gideon Sisson*, }

4110 2 1

0 18 0

4111 0 1

THE above Account hath been examined and settled by us, by  
 Order of the General Assembly.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
 THOMAS GREENE,  
 GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND

*W. Richmond* AND the said Account being duly examined, It  
 allowed £140 *is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is  
 14 s. 4 d. allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being *One Hun-*  
*dred and Forty Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Fourpence*  
 Lawful Money, be paid to the said *William Rich-*  
*mond*, out of the General-Treasury.

Dividing Line between the First and Third Companies in *Westerly*. WHEREAS Messieurs *Joseph Pendleton* and *George Stillman*, jun. in Behalf of the First and Third Companies of the Town of *Westerly*, represented unto this Assembly, that for the better ordering and directing the Militia in said Town, it was agreed between the said Companies, that their dividing Line should be as follows, *to wit*: From Mr. *Samuel Brand's* Mill Eastward on the Road to the Corner of the Highway, Northward from *John Burdick's*, Esq; and from thence South-Easterly to the Bridge, at the Brook running out of *Fairfield's* Pond, near Mr. *William Chapman's*.

AND this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, *Do Enact*, and by the Authority thereof it is *Enacted*, That for the future the dividing Line between said Companies be in Manner and according to the Lines above described,

Account of Stock removed from *Block-Island*. WHEREAS Messieurs *James Rhodes* and *Gideon Hoxsie*, who were appointed a Committee to remove all the Stock from *Block-Island*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account of the Stock taken from said Island, belonging to sundry Persons, together with the Valuation thereof, as follows, *to wit*:

1775, } <i>Giles Pierce</i> , fat Sheep and Lambs, }	£ 78	6	6
Sept. 2, } 241, at £ 6 10 s. per Score, }			
	<i>John Paine</i> , 78 Sheep, at Ditto,	25	3 0
	<i>Walter Rathbun</i> , 17 Ditto, at Ditto,	5	10 6
	<i>Abel Franklin</i> , 32 Ditto, at Ditto,	10	18 0
	<i>John Littlefield</i> , 62 Ditto, at Ditto,	20	3 0
	Capt. <i>John Sands</i> , 105 Ditto, at Ditto,	34	2 6
	<i>Edward Sands</i> , jun. 20 Ditto, at Ditto,	6	10 0
	<i>Joshua Sands</i> , Esq; 5 Ditto, at Ditto,	1	12 6
	<i>Henry Willis</i> , jun. 15 Ditto, at Ditto,	5	7 6
	<i>Samuel Rathbun</i> , 4 Ditto, at Ditto,	1	6 0
			<i>John</i>

<i>John Barber</i> , 96 Ditto, at £ 6 10 s. } per Score,	£ 31 4 0
<i>Thomas Dickens</i> , 11 Ditto, at Ditto,	3 11 6
<i>John Mott</i> , 2 Lambs, at Ditto,	0 13 0
<i>Hezekiah Dodge</i> , 3 Ditto, at Ditto,	0 17 6
<i>Benjamin Sheffield</i> , 6 Ditto, at Ditto,	1 19 0
<i>Henry Littlefield</i> , 2 Ditto, at Ditto,	0 13 0
<i>John Mitchell</i> , 5 Ditto, at Ditto,	1 12 6
<i>Thomas Mitchell</i> , 9 Ditto, at Ditto,	2 18 6
<i>Jeremiah Mitchell</i> , 1 Ditto, at Ditto,	0 6 6
<i>John Littlefield</i> , 43 Ditto, at Ditto,	13 19 6
<i>Capt. John Sands</i> , 169 Store Sheep } and Lambs, at £ 5 per Score,	42 5 0
<i>John Littlefield</i> , 148 Sheep, at Ditto,	37 0 0
<i>John Barber</i> , 175 Ditto, at Ditto,	43 15 0
<i>Thomas Mitchell</i> , 27 Ditto, at Ditto,	6 15 0
<i>John Mitchell</i> , 10 Ditto, at Ditto,	2 10 0
<i>Jonathan Mitchell</i> , 10 Ditto, at Ditto,	2 10 0
<i>Joseph Mitchell</i> , 3 Ditto, at Ditto,	0 15 0
<i>George Franklin</i> , 8 Ditto, at Ditto,	2 0 0
<i>Henry Littlefield</i> , 5 Ditto, at Ditto,	1 5 0
<i>Nathaniel Littlefield</i> , 12 Ditto, at Ditto,	3 0 0
<i>Edward Sands</i> , jun. 29 Ditto at Ditto,	7 5 0
<i>Josua Sands</i> , 4 Ditto, at Ditto,	1 0 0
<i>Ezekiel Sheffield</i> , 14 Ditto, at Ditto,	3 10 0
<i>Henry Willis</i> , 2 Ditto, at Ditto,	0 10 0
<i>John Mott</i> , 1 Ditto, at Ditto,	0 5 0
<i>Giles Pierce</i> , 441 Ditto, at Ditto,	110 5 0
<i>Abel Franklin</i> , 28 Ditto, at Ditto,	7 0 0
<i>John Paine</i> , 23 Ditto, at Ditto,	5 15 0
<i>Walter Rathbun</i> , 9 Ditto, at Ditto,	2 5 0
<i>Nathaniel Littlefield</i> , jun. 6 Ditto, at Ditto,	1 10 0
<i>Henry Willis</i> , jun. 10 Ditto, at Ditto,	2 10 0
<i>Formul Rose</i> , 6 Ditto, at Ditto,	1 10 0
<i>Daniel Mott</i> , 4 Ditto, at Ditto,	1 0 0
<i>Jeremiah Mitchell</i> , 3 Ditto, at Ditto,	0 15 0
<i>Ezekiel Rose</i> , 4 Ditto, at Ditto,	1 0 0
Sheep and Lambs, 1908.	534 9 .6

AND the said Account being duly examined, It is £ 534 9 s. 6 d.  
Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is to be paid to  
allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Five sundry Per-  
Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds Nine Shillings and Six pence  
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pence Lawful Money, be paid out of the General-Treasury to the Persons to whom the same is due respectively, as mentioned in said Account.

Account of Stock taken from *Jamestown*. WHEREAS Messieurs *Sylvester Gardner* and *Benjamin Gardner*, who were appointed a Committee to remove the Stock from *Jamestown*, and to appoint a Committee to appraise the same, presented unto this Assembly the following Account of the Stock removed from the said Island, and Appraisement thereof, *to wit*:

1775, Aug. 30,	} Samuel Carr, 1 Ox, 1 Cow, and 12 Sheep,	£ 20 10 0	
	<i>Isaac Howland</i> , 6 Oxen, 2 Heifers, £ 64 4 s.		
	34 Sheep, and 1 Lamb, at 9 s. 5½, £ 16 10 s. 9 d.	} 80 14 9	
	<i>Pain Hammond</i> , 4 Oxen, and 2 Bulls,	45 0 0	
	<i>Joseph</i> and <i>Benjamin Underwood</i> , 2 Oxen, and 1 Cow, £ 21; 17 Sheep, at 8 s. 3 d. £ 7 0 s. 3 d.	} 28 0 3	
	<i>Daniel Weeden</i> , jun. 1 Heifer, and 1 Steer, £ 8 8 s. 25 Sheep, £ 12 16 s. 3 d.	} 21 4 3	
	<i>Edward Carr</i> , 2 Oxen, and 1 Cow,	28 4 0	
	<i>Nicholas Carr</i> , 2 Oxen,	21 10 0	
	<i>Benjamin Carr</i> , 2 Oxen, £ 15 18 s. 21 Sheep, at 9 s. £ 9 9 s.	} 25 7 0	
	<i>George Tew</i> , 1 Ox,	11 8 0	
	<i>John Eldred</i> , 1 Cow, £ 7 17 s. 6 d. 24 Sheep, at 9 s. £ 10 16 s.	} 18 13 6	
	<i>Isaac Pierce</i> , 4 Oxen, 1 Cow, 4 Heifers, and 1 Steer, £ 68 18 s. 1 Cow, £ 6; 125 Sheep, at 9 s. £ 56 5 s.	} 131 3 0	
	<i>Gershom Remington</i> , 2 Oxen,	21 0 0	
	<i>Hazard Knowles</i> , 3 Oxen, and 2 Heifers, £ 34 17 s. 6 d. 3 Heifers, 2 Steers, and 1 Bull, £ 19 16 s. 29 Sheep, at 8 s. 3 d. £ 11 19 s. 3 d.	} 66 12 9	
	<i>Daniel Carpenter</i> , 5 Heifers, £ 24; 2 Oxen, £ 19; 100 Sheep, at 9 s. £ 45,	} 88 0 0	
	<i>James Carr</i> , jun. 2 Oxen, £ 18; 3 Heifers, £ 9 12 s.	} 27 12 0	
	<i>Josiah Arnold</i> , Esq; 1 Cow, 4 Heifers, and 2 Bulls,	} 35 9 6	
			<i>John</i>



<i>John Howland</i> , 2 Oxen, £ 19 16 s. 26 } Sheep, £ 11 14 s.	£ 31 11 6
<i>William Battey</i> , 2 Oxen,	21 0 0
<i>Thomas Fowler</i> , 2 Heifers, and 1 Steer, £ 12 18 s. 1 Cow, £ 5 5 s. 20 Sheep, at 9 s. £ 9,	27 3 0
<i>James Carr</i> , 2 Oxen, £ 14 17 s. 10 } Sheep, £ 4 10 s.	19 7 0
<i>Daniel Weeden</i> , 2 Oxen, £ 24; 1 Cow, £ 5 16 s. 1 Heifer, £ 5,	34 16 0
<i>Abraham Chace</i> , 2 Oxen, £ 19 4 s. 1 } Heifer, £ 3 6 s.	22 10 0
<i>John Martin</i> , 2 Oxen;	23 12 6
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AND the said Account being duly considered, *It is* £ 850 9 s. 10  
*Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is al- be paid to  
 lowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eight* sundry Per-  
*Hundred and Fifty Pounds Nine Shillings* Lawful Mo- sons.  
 ney, be paid out of the General-Treasury to the several  
 Persons to whom the same is respectively due, as men-  
 tioned in said Account.

WHEREAS the Town-Council of the Town of *New- Town of*  
*port* presented a Memorial to this Assembly, setting *Newport per-*  
 forth the distressed Situation of the Town, occasioned *mitted to sup-*  
 by the withholding from the ministerial Fleet, station- *ply the Bri-*  
 ed in the Harbour of *Newport*, their usual Supplies of *ish Ships.*  
 fresh Beef, Beer, &c. in Consequence of which the Ferry-  
 Boats, Market-Boats, Fish-Boats and Wood-Vessels,  
 are prevented from coming to the Town with their  
 usual Supplies of Provisions and Fuel for the Use of  
 the Inhabitants; by Means whereof, together with a  
 Stagnation of Trade, they are now exposed to all those  
 dreadful Consequences which must inevitably arise  
 through the Want of the common Necessaries of Life :  
 And thereupon prayed this Assembly to take into  
 their most serious Consideration the truly affecting  
 State of that once happy Town, and to grant them  
 such Relief in the Premises as shall be thought proper,  
 consistent with the common Interest :

AND

AND this Assembly taking the subject Matter of the said Memorial into their most serious Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Town of *Newport* may, for the Safety thereof, as far as may consist with the general Safety, negotiate with Capt. *Wallace* for the supplying the Ships there with Beef, Beer, &c. as heretofore, upon his stipulating that the Ferry-Boats, Wood-Boats, with their Passengers, &c. pass and re-pass unmolested, with the common Supplies for the Town of the common and usual Necessaries of Life: That the Commander in Chief upon said Island be instructed to permit said Negotiation, and regulate the Supplies for said Ships: And that he from Time to Time remove the Troops under his Command from Place to Place, as he shall think may best tend to the general Safety, and the Peace and Happiness of the Town of *Newport*, paying the greatest Attention to, and having the tenderest Concern for. the true and lasting Peace, Support and Relief thereof; still having an Eye and a just Preference to the general Safety, and the common Cause of *America*.

*E. Cole's Declaration* to be printed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Declaration made by Col. *Edward Cole*, and by him signed before this Assembly, be printed in the *Providence News-Paper*.

£ 200 allowed to the Poor of *Newport*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed for the Relief of the Poor of the Town of *Newport*, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to the Overseers of the Poor of said Town of *Newport*: That the Monies be first applied towards the immediate Removal of such of the Poor as are not now chargeable, and are not able but are willing to remove from the Town; and that the Remainder be appropriated for the Support of such poor Persons as may choose to remain there: That *William Vernon* and *John Read* be added to the Overseers, to assist about the Removal of such Poor: That those poor Persons which shall be immediately removed carry a Certificate with them: And if they become chargeable in such Towns, that they be maintained by the Colony.

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An ACT establishing an Independent  
Company in the County of *King's*  
*County*, by the Name of the *Kingston*  
*Reds*.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, Act establish-  
ing an Inde-  
pendent  
Company in  
the County  
of King's  
County, by  
the Name of  
the Kingston  
Reds.  
in Time of War, depends under God upon  
the military Skill and Discipline of its Inhabitants:  
And whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Coun-  
ty of *King's County*, to wit: *John Gardiner, Thomas*  
*Potter, jun. Rowse J. Helme, Rowland Brown, John*  
*Wait, Samuel Potter, Lorry Gardiner, Walter Watson,*  
*Nathan Gardner, jun. James Cotterell, Benjamin Perry,*  
*William Rodman, John Rose, jun. Daniel Rodman, Jo-*  
*seph Perkins, James Helme, jun. Benjamin Gardiner,*  
*William Dyre, jun. Frederick Gardner, Stephen Potter,*  
*James Parker, Nicholas Easton Gardner, Richard Gar-*  
*diner, Nathan Cotterell, Jeremiah Brown, jun. Henry*  
*Reynolds, Caleb Westcoat, Robert Helme, Sylvester Hull,*  
*William Aplin, and John Cotterell,* have petitioned  
this Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, forming  
them, and such others as shall be joined unto them,  
(not exceeding One Hundred Men Rank and File)  
into a Company, by the Name of the *Kingston Reds*.

WHEREFORE this Assembly, to encourage a Design  
so laudable, have ordained, constituted and granted,  
and hereby do ordain, constitute and appoint, that the  
said Petitioners, and such others as shall be joined to  
them (not exceeding the Number of One Hundred  
Men Rank and File) be and they are hereby declared  
to be an Independent Company, by the Name of the  
*Kingston Reds*, and by that Name shall have perpetual  
Succession, and shall have and enjoy all the Rights,  
Powers and Privileges, in this Grant. hereafter men-  
tioned.

IMPRIMIS, It is granted unto the said Company, that  
they, or the major Part of them, shall and may, once  
in every Year, to wit: On the third *Thursday* in *April*,  
meet and assemble themselves together in some conve-

nient Place, by them appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit* : One Captain, two Lieutenants, and one Ensign, and all other Officers, for training, disciplining and well ordering the said Company, at which Meeting no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Votes then present ; the Captain, Lieutenants and Ensign, to be approved of by the Governor and Council for the Time being, and shall be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner as other military Officers in this Colony are.

SECONDLY, That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet and exercise themselves upon such other Days, and as often as they shall think necessary, and not be subject to the Orders or Directions of the Colonel or other Field Officers of the Regiment in whose District they live, in such Meetings and Exercisings : And that they be obliged to meet for exercising at least four Times in each Year, upon the Penalty of paying to and for the Use of the Company the following Fines, *to wit* : The Captain for each Day's Neglect *Forty Shillings* Lawful Money, the Lieutenants and Ensign each *Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money, the Clerk and other subaltern Officers each *Nine Shillings* Lawful Money, and each private Soldier *Four Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, to be collected by Warrant of Distress, directed to the Clerk, from the Captain or other superior Officer.

THIRDLY, That said Company, or the greater Number of them, make all such Laws, Rules and Orders, among themselves, as they shall deem expedient, for the well ordering and disciplining said Company ; and lay any Penalty or Fine for the Breach of such Rules, not exceeding *Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money for one Offence, to be collected as abovesaid.

FOURTHLY, That all those who shall be duly enlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms or doing other military Duty (Watching and Warding only excepted) in the several Companies or trained Bands  
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in whose District they respectively live, excepting such as shall be Officers in any of the said Companies or trained Bands.

FIFTHLY, That if any Officer or Officers of the said Company shall be disapproved by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said County of *King's County*, or shall be taken away by Death, that then and in such Cases the Captain of said Company, or superior Officer for the Time being, shall call a Meeting for the Election of another or others in his or their Stead, who shall be so removed.

SIXTHLY, For the further Encouragement of the said Company, it is granted, that the Captain of said Company shall be of the Rank of Colonel, that the First Lieutenant be of the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, that the Second Lieutenant be of the Rank of Major, and that the Ensign be of the Rank of Captain: That the said Officers shall be of the Court-Martial and Council of War, in the Regiment in whose District they live: That upon all general Reviews, and general Musters, the said Company shall rank the first Independent Company for the County of *King's County*; and that in Time of Alarm, the said Company shall be under the immediate Direction of the Commander in Chief of the Colony.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Colony be, and he is hereby directed to make a fair Copy of the preceding Act, establishing the Company called the *Kingsion Reds*, affix the Colony Seal thereto, and transmit the same to the said Company.

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, at the Request of said Company, That the following Officers be and they are hereby appointed to command the same, *to wit*: Officers appointed for the *Kingsion Reds*.

*John Gardiner*, Captain.

*Thomas Potter, jun.* First Lieutenant.

*Rowse J. Helme*, Second Lieutenant.

*Rowland Brown*, Ensign.

An



An A C T establishing an Independent Troop of Horse in the County of *Providence*, by the Name of the *Captain-General's Cavaliers* for the County of *Providence*.

Act establish-  
ing an Inde-  
pendent  
Troop of  
Horse in the  
County of  
*Providence*,  
by the Name  
of the *Cap-  
tain-General's  
Cavaliers*.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this Colony, in Time of War, dependeth under God upon the military Skill and Discipline of the Inhabitants : And whereas a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Providence*, namely, *Benjamin Slack, Daniel Manton, John Mawney, Elisha Mowry, jun. Benjamin Hubbard, Charles Winsor, Caleb Harris, Andrew Harris, Jeremiah Winsor, Thomas Wood, John Olney, William West, Richard Eddy, Pardon Bowen, Benjamin Waterman, jun. John Wells, John Fenner, and William Potter*, have offered themselves to begin, and, with such others as are or shall be added to them, to form themselves into a Troop of Horse, by the Name of the *Captain-General's Cavaliers* for the County of *Providence*; and by their humble Petition prayed this Assembly to grant them a Charter, with such Privileges and Honors, and under such Restrictions and Limitations, as this Assembly might think proper.

WHEREFORE this Assembly, in order to give all due Encouragement to so laudable a Design, have ordained, constituted and granted, and by these Presents do ordain, constitute and grant, that the Petitioners, together with such others as shall be hereafter added to them, not exceeding the Number of Eighty, exclusive of Officers, be and they are hereby declared to be an Independent Troop of Horse, by the Name of the *Captain General's Cavaliers* for the County of *Providence* : And by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have all the Rights, Powers, Privileges and Honors, in this Grant hereafter mentioned.

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IN the first Place : It is granted unto the said Troop, that they, or the greater Number of them, shall and may once in every Year, that is to say, on the Second *Monday of April*, meet and assemble themselves together in some convenient Place, by them to be appointed, and there to choose their Officers, that is to say, one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Cornet, one Quarter Master, and all other Officers, necessary for training, disciplining, and well ordering of the said Company or Troop of Horse ; at which Election no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Votes then present : The Captain, Lieutenants, Cornet, and Quarter-Master, to be approved by the Governor for the Time being, and shall be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner that other military Officers in this Colony are.

SECONDLY, That the said Company shall have Liberty to meet and exercise themselves upon such other Days, and as often as they shall think necessary ; and not to be subjected to the Orders of the Colonel, or other Field Officers of the Regiment in whose District they live, in said meeting and exercising : And that they be obliged to meet for exercising at least four Times in a Year, upon the Penalty of paying, to and for the Use of said Company, the following Fines, that is to say, the Captain, for each Day's Neglect, *Three Pounds* Lawful Money, the First Lieutenant *Two Pounds and Ten Shillings*, the Second Lieutenant *Two Pounds*, the Cornet and Quarter-Master *One Pound and Ten Shillings* each, the Clerk and Corporals *One Pound* each, and the common Soldiers *Twelve Shillings* each, to be levied by Warrant of Distress from the Captain or superior Officer of said Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

THIRDLY, That the said Company or Troop, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make such Rules and Orders among themselves, as they shall think necessary to promote the End of the Establishment ; and to lay such Fines and Forfeitures upon

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any of their own Company for the Breach of any such Rules and Orders as they shall think proper, so as the same exceed not *Twenty Shillings* for any Offence : And also shall have full Power to levy the said Fines and Forfeitures they shall so impose, by a Warrant of Distress from the Captain or superior Officer of the said Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

FOURTHLY, That all those who shall be duly enlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing military Duty (Watching and Warding excepted) in the several Companies or trained Bands in whose District they respectively live, excepting such as shall at any Time be Officers in any of the said Companies.

FIFTHLY, That the commissioned Officers of the said Troop from Time to Time shall be of the Court-Martial, in the Regiment in whose District they live.

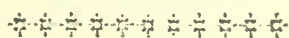
SIXTHLY, If any Officer or Officers of the said Company or Troop shall be disapproved by the Governor, or shall remove out of the said County of *Providence*, or shall die, that then the Captain of said Troop, or superior Officer for the Time being, shall call the said Troop together as soon as conveniently may be, and choose another or others in the Room of such Officer or Officers so disapproved, removed, or dead, in the same Manner as is herein before described.

SEVENTHLY, And for the further Encouragement of the said Troop, it is further granted to them, who are (as this Assembly are informed by their humble Petition) designed to be composed of such as have sustained Offices in the civil and military Departments, and others of Worth, that the Captain of said Troop shall be of the Rank of a Colonel, the First Lieutenant of the Rank of a Lieutenant-Colonel, the Second Lieutenant of the Rank of a Major, the Cornet of the Rank of a Captain, and the Quarter Master of the Rank of a Lieutenant.

EIGHTHLY,

EIGHTHLY, That the said Company in the Time of an Alarm shall be under the immediate Direction of the Captain-General, Lieutenant-General, and Major-General of the Colony; and that the Officers be commissioned accordingly.

NINTHLY, That the Company of said Troop of Horse be compleatly equipped with all Accoutrements and Furniture, commonly used by other Troops of Horse, with the Addition of a Carabine to each and every of said Troopers.



*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honorable Nicholas Cooke, Esq; Ambrose Page, Esq; James Arnold, jun. Esq; Jonathan Randall, Esq; John Sayles, jun. Esq; and Henry Ward, Esq; Metcalf Bowler, Joseph Anthony, William Bradford, Joshua Babcock, John Jenckes, John Smith, John Matthewson, John Dexter, Job Olney, Stephen Whipple, William Greene, Paul Mumford, and John Potter, Esquires, or any eleven of them, together alio with all such Members of the General Assembly as shall be present, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to act during the Recess of the General Assembly, upon any sudden important Emergency, with full Power to take all prudent and necessary Measures for the Safety of the United Colonies in general, and this Colony in particular: That they be empowered to employ the two armed Vessels, and the whole Force of the Colony, in such Manner as they shall think the public Interest and Safety shall require: And that this Act continue in Force until the next Session of Assembly.

Committee  
to act in the  
Recess of the  
Assembly.

COMPLAINT being made to this Assembly, that divers People, taking an undue Advantage of the Consternation and Distresses of the Town of *Newport*, have exacted most exorbitant Prices for the Removal and Wharfage of the Goods of the Inhabitants of the said Town: *It is therefore Resolved*, That William Richmond, John Cooke, Samuel Dyre, John Barker, and John Jepson, Esquires, or the major Part of them,

Committee  
to state the  
Prices of Re-  
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Goods from  
*Newport*.

them, be and hereby are appointed a Committee to state the Price for every Cart-Load of Goods from said Town to the different Parts of the Island, and also of the Wharfage and Transportation thereof over any of the Ferries from *Rhode Island*: That any one of the said Committee be and hereby are empowered to press Carts and Teams for the Removal of the Goods of the said Inhabitants: And that in case any Person shall demand a greater Price than shall be so fixed for the Removal of Goods, he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay, as a Fine (one Half to the Informer, and the other Half to and for the Use of the Town where the Offence shall be committed) the Sum of *Three Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered by the Town-Treasurer, before any Justice of the Peace in the County of *Newport*.



An A C T for embodying, supplying and paying a Regiment, consisting of Five Hundred Men, for the Defence of the United Colonies in general, and of this Colony in particular.

Act for embodying, supplying and paying a Regiment of 500 Men.

**B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That Five Hundred Men, Field and commissioned Officers included, be enlisted, raised and embodied, with all Expedition and Dispatch, and be formed into one Regiment, under the Command of one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, and one Major: That there be one Adjutant, and one Quarter-Master: That each Field Officer's Company be commanded, under such Field Officer, by one Captain-Lieutenant, one Lieutenant, and one Ensign, and each of the other Companies by one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Ensign; and that said Regiment consist of eight Companies.

AND



*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each able bodied Man who shall enlist into the Service, and find himself a Small-Arm, Bayonet, and other Accoutrements, shall be allowed and paid Sixteen Shillings therefor.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Officer and Soldier shall receive the following monthly Wages while in the Service, to wit: The Colonel Fifteen Pounds per Month, the Lieutenant-Colonel Twelve Pounds per Month, the Major Ten Pounds per Month, the Captain-Lieutenants and each Captain Six Pounds per Month, each Lieutenant Four Pounds per Month, each Ensign Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Month, the Adjutant Five Pounds Ten Shillings per Month, the Quarter-Master Three Pounds per Month, each Serjeant Two Pounds Eight Shillings per Month, each Corporal, Drummer and Fifer, Two Pounds Four Shillings per Month, and each private Man Forty Shillings per Month, and that his first Month's Wages be advanced at the Time of his Enlistment.

*AND be it further Enacted,* That each Soldier shall have a Blanket and Knap sack given him by the Colony.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That each Soldier be enlisted by signing the following Enlistment, to wit: *I the Subscriber hereby solemnly engage and enlist myself as a Soldier, in the Pay of the Colony of Rhode-Island, for the Preservation of the Liberties of America, and the Defence of the United Colonies in general, and of this Colony in particular, from the Day of my Enlistment for one Year, unless the Service admit of a Discharge sooner, which shall be at the Discretion of the General Assembly: And I hereby promise to submit myself to all the Orders and Regulations of the Army, and faithfully to observe and obey all such Orders as I shall receive from Time to Time from my Officers.*

*AND be it further Enacted,* That no Officer or Soldier be arrested, prosecuted, or detained in Gaol,  
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for any Debt whatsoever, less than *Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money, due to one Creditor; and that every Apprentice who shall enlist into the said Regiment, shall be entitled to three Quarters of his Wages, he finding his own Clothes, and his Master the other Quarter, provided he deliver to such enlisted Apprentice all the wearing Apparel he shall then be possessed of; but in case he shall not so do, that then said Apprentice shall take the whole of his Wages.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed Commander in Chief of said Regiment, and the Regiments of Militia in the County of *Newport*, with the Title and Rank of Brigadier-General: That he be empowered to fill up all Vacancies of commissioned Officers, till further Order of the General Assembly; and that he be allowed the Sum of *Twenty Pounds per Month*.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That said Regiment be embodied for twelve Months, from the rising of the General Assembly, unless sooner disbanded.



*P. Mumford*  
allowed £ 22  
10 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Peter Mumford* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services in riding the Post-Stage from the Bounds of this Colony to *Newport*, from *May 5*, 1775, to *November* following, being six Months: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Twenty-two Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Peter Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Mumford*  
allowed £ 30.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Mumford* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for four Months Service, in riding the Post-Stage from the Bounds of *Connecticut* to *Newport*, and also for two Months Service in riding the Post-Stage from

from *Newport to Cambridge*: Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Thirty Pounds Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Benjamin Mumford*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to audit the Naval Officer's Accounts made Report to the General Assembly, at their Session in *August*, 1774, that there was a Balance due from the said Naval Officer to the Colony, of the Sum of *Thirty-nine Pounds Three Shillings and Twopence Lawful Money*: Which Report the General Assembly accepted, and ordered the said Balance to be paid into the General-Treasury immediately; but the same not being yet paid, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That, if said Balance be not immediately paid into the General-Treasury, the Attorney-General bring an Action for the same, with Interest, in the Name of the General-Treasurer.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jepson*, *Pardon Tillinghast*, and *Metcalf Bowler*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Naval Officer for the Year 1774: And that the said Naval Officer account to said Committee for what he has received as Naval Officer this present Year, as well as for the last Year.

WHEREAS Mr. *Caleb Westcoat* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Gaol in the County of *King's County*, providing Materials, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Seventeen Shillings and Twopence Lawful Money*, be paid to the said *Caleb Westcoat*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Jonathan Jenckes* and Son exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for billeting Part of Col. *Varnum's*

*J. Clarke* to be sued.

Committee to audit the Naval Officer's Accounts.

*C. Westcoat* allowed £ 1 17 s. 2 d.

*J. Jenckes* and Son allowed £ 3 6 s. 7 d.

*Varnum's Company*, in the Time of the Alarm in *April*, 1775: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Six Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jenekes* and Son, out of the General-Treasury.

*R. Olney* allowed £ 2  
3 s. 4 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Olney* laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting Col. *Varnum's Company*, in the Time of the Alarm in *April*, 1775: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Three Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Richard Olney*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Bacon* allowed £ 2 8s.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Bacon* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Use of his Horse and Team employed in the public Service, in carrying Arms and Ammunition to the Town of *Westerly*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *William Bacon*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Brown* allowed £ 1 6s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nicholas Brown* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Newport*, for one Record Book delivered the said *Josias Lyndon*, for recording the Judgments of said Court: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and, that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Six Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Nicholas Brown*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Jacob Richardson* exhibited unto this *J. Richardson* Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Co- allowed £ 18.  
lony, for forty Kegs of Gunpowder supplied for the  
Use of said Colony : And the said Account being duly  
examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be  
and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof,  
being *Eighteen Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid the  
said *Jacob Richardson*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Ambrose Page*, Esq, Messieurs *John Ma-* Report upon  
*thewson* and *John Brown*, who were appointed a Com- C. Whipple's  
mittee to audit the Accounts of Capt. *Christopher*  
*Whipple* with the Colony, presented unto this Assem- Account.  
bly a State of his Account, together with their Report  
thereon, as follows, *to wit* :

Captain <i>Christopher Whipple</i> to the Colony of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , Dr.		
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To Error in 50 Weight of Sugar,		3 0 9
To Freight of a Hoghead of Duck for <i>Na-</i>	}	1 4 0
<i>than Angell</i> ,		
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dles of Hoops,		
To Ditto in 12 Pistoles,		4 8 6
To Ditto in carrying out 111 Half Johannes,		0 2 2
To sundry Articles bought at Vendue, be-	}	48 7 6
ing included in your Account Current,		
amounting to £ 1072 16 s. which you took		
to yourself,		
To One Half per Cent. on Brokerage Ditto,		0 4 10
To Error in carrying out Commissions on	}	0 2 7½
£ 264 13 s. 5½, at 5 per Cent.		
To Error in charging Commissions on Re-	}	3 1 4½
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£ 140 3 s. 4½, which with all the other		
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Balance due to <i>Christopher Whipple</i> ,		5 1 2½
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		65 16 7½
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October, 1775.

Creditor.

By Balance due to Capt. <i>Whipple</i> , per his	}	£	28	6	7½
Account Current,					
By 10 Quarter-Casks of Powder of Capt.	}		28	10	0
<i>Whipple</i> , at 38 lb.					
By his Wages from December 29, to	}		9	0	0
March 13, per Portage Bill,					
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			65	16	7½

Providence, November 2, 1775.

WE the Subscribers being appointed to examine and settle Capt. *Christopher Whipple's* Account with the Colony, have met, and carefully gone through the same; and after correcting all Errors, find the above Balance of *Five Pounds One Shilling and Twopence Halfpenny* Lawful Money due to Capt. *Christopher Whipple*, from the Colony of *Rhode-Island*; as witness our Hands,

AMBROSE PAGE,  
JOHN MATHEWSON,  
JOHN BROWN.

*C. Whipple* allowed £ 5 1 s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Balance of said Account, being *Five Pounds One Shilling and Twopence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Christopher Whipple*, out of the General-Treasury.

*A. Holden* allowed 9 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holden*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Kent*, laid before this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for two Weeks Board of *Samuel Robinson*, a poor Prisoner committed at the King's Suit: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nine Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Anthony Holden*, out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Bofs* allowed £ 1 10 s. WHEREAS Mr. *Caleb Bofs* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony,

lony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going from *South-Kingsdown* to *Dudley Woodbridge, Esq;* at the Request of the General Assembly: Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Caleb Bos*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Jenckes* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting Part of Col. *Varnum's* Company, in the Time of the Alarm in *April, 1775*: Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Eighteen Shillings and Three-pence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Stephen Jenckes*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Hoxsie* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account of Sales of the Sheep brought from *New-Scoreham*, and sold in *Charlestown*, agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly, at the Session in *August* last past, and is as follows, to wit :

Account of  
Sales of the  
Sheep from  
*New-Score-  
ham.*

1775, Sept. 19.	<i>David Maxson and West,</i> 28 Lambs, at 3s.	£	4	4	0
	<i>William Potter, of Richmond,</i> 20 Ditto, } at 3s. 3d.		3	5	0
	<i>Isabod Burdick,</i> 6 Ditto, at 3s. 2d.		0	19	0
	<i>John Newman,</i> 37 Ditto, at 3s. 11d. } 6 old Sheep, at Ditto,		8	8	5
	<i>Thomas Lillibridge,</i> 5 Ditto, at 6s. 6d.		1	12	6
	<i>Joseph Stanton, jun.</i> 34 Lambs, at 4s. 2d.		7	1	8
	51 Sheep and Lambs, at 3s. 6d.		8	18	6
	<i>Joseph Wilcox,</i> 39 Sheep, at 4s. 10d.		9	8	6
	<i>James Congdon,</i> the 3d, 51 Sheep, at 5s.		12	15	0
	<i>Charles Church,</i> 20 Ditto, at 6s.		6	0	0
	<i>William Congdon,</i> 20 Ditto, at 6s. 6d. } £ 6 10 s. 4 Lambs, 16 s.		7	6	0
	<i>William Potter, Esq;</i> 45 Sheep, at 4s. } 7d. £ 10 6 s. 3 d. 2 Rams, 18 s.		11	4	3
			<i>William</i>		

<i>William Congdon</i> , 14 Lambs, at 4 s. 4 d.	£	3	0	8
<i>Gideon Hoxsie</i> , 100 Sheep, at 5 s.		25	0	0
<i>Jeremiab Browning</i> , 30 Ditto, at 5 s.		7	10	0
<i>George Hazard Peckham</i> , 1 Ditto,		0	9	0
<i>William Potter</i> , of <i>Charlestown</i> , 2 Ditto, at 8 s. 3 d.		0	16	6
<i>James Stafford</i> , 1 Ditto,		0	9	0
<i>Lucy Kinyon</i> , 2 Ditto, at 8 s.		0	16	0
<i>Amos Hoxsie</i> , 1 Ditto,		0	9	0
<i>John Tallberry</i> , 1 Ditto,		0	9	0
<i>Gideon Hoxsie</i> , 2 Ditto, at 7 s. 6 d.		0	15	0
<i>James Blifs</i> , 1 Ditto,		0	9	0
<i>Nathan Babcock</i> , 55 Ditto, at 4 s. 6 d.		12	7	6
<i>Isaac Church</i> , 1 Ditto,		0	7	6
<i>William Holt</i> , 1 Ditto,		0	7	0
<i>Nathaniel Church</i> , 1 Ditto,		0	7	6
<i>Eber Crandall</i> , 2 Ditto, at 7 s. 6 d.		0	15	0
<i>Joseph Hoxsie</i> , 1 Ditto, 8 s. 1 Lamb, at 4 s. 6 d.		0	12	6

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Sheep, 390. Lambs, 195.	136	10	0
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The whole of the Sheep and Lambs brought from <i>New-Shoreham</i> , that I received,	763
Sold, 585. Delivered <i>William Potter</i> , Esq; 100. Lost, 4.	689

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Remain in my Hands,	74
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Errors excepted, per

JOSEPH HOXSIE.

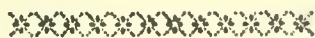
*Charlestown*, October 25, 1775.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the Seventy-four Sheep remaining in the Hands of *Joseph Hoxsie* be immediately sold by him: That *William Potter*, Esq; immediately sell the Sheep which remain in his Hands unfold; and that the whole Amount of the Sales be paid into the General-Treasury.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Messieurs *John Fenckes* and *John Potter* be a Committee to purchase of Mr. *John Brown*, for the Use of this Colony, all the Powder he has to sell. Committee to purchase *J. Brown's Powder.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* forthwith take into Possession the Shop and House, situate, lying and being in the Town of *Providence*, being the Estate of *Gilbert Deblois* of *Boston*, in the County of *Suffolk*, in the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, Merchant, together with all other Interest and Estate of the said *Gilbert Deblois*, in the County of *Providence*: That he lease the same to the present Tenant, he paying as much therefor as any other Person, and giving Security to the General-Treasurer for the Payment of all Rents now due, and that may hereafter arise: That the said Sheriff take into his Possession all the Goods in said Shop, together with the Books of Accounts of *James Hill*, notifying him to attend this House forthwith, that he may be examined touching the Property of the said *Gilbert Deblois*: And that the said Sheriff take into his Possession the Shop of *John and Jonathan Simpson*, of said *Boston*, situate in said *Providence*, and lease the same to the present Tenants, they giving as much therefor as any other Person, and giving Security to the General-Treasurer for the Payment of all Rents already due, and for such as shall become due, to the said General-Treasurer. Sheriff of *Providence* to take into Possession the Estates of *Gilbert Deblois*, and *J. and J. Simpson.*

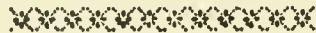


An ACT dividing the Company of Militia in the Town of *Richmond* into two Companies.

WHEREAS the trained Band, or Company of Militia, in the Town of *Richmond*, consists of about One Hundred and Fifty Soldiers, which is sufficiently large for two Companies, which Company met on the Twenty-fourth Day of *August* last past, and unanimously agreed to pray this Assembly to divide Act dividing the Company in *Richmond* into two.

vide the same in the following Manner, *to wit* : By a Line beginning just by *Mumford's* Mill, thence running along the Highway by the *Quaker's* Meeting-House, and so on Westward as the said Highway runs to *Wood River*, which is a little to the Westward of *David Larkin's* House.

AND this General Assembly taking the same into Consideration, *Do Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the said Company be and hereby is divided into two Companies, in Manner and according to the Bounds above described : And that the Part of said Company to the Northward of the said Bounds be the First Company, and the Part to the Southward be the Second Company.



Sheriff of  
*Newport* to  
take *R. In-*  
*man's* Estate  
into Possession.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* take into his Possession the House and Estate of *Ralph Inman*, situate in *Newport*, now in Possession of the Widow *Partridge*; and that he lease the same to the present Tenant, she paying therefor as much as any other Person, and giving Security to the General-Treasurer for the Payment of all Rents due, and that may hereafter arise.

*J. Dennison*,  
the 2d, and  
Company al-  
lowed £. 374  
11. 10 d.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Joseph Dennison*, the 2d, and Company exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for the Amount of the Schooner *Polly*, taken by the Enemy while in the Colony's Service, removing Stock from *Block-Island*, and also for the Amount of the Charter of the Sloop *Hector*, employed in the above mentioned Service, and Charges of Provision, Wages, &c. and also for sundries supplied the Soldiers, who went on *Block-Island* in said Service : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds One Shilling and Tenpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Joseph Dennison*, the 2d, and Company, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS



WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Bosworth*, who was appointed to remove the Stock from the Island of *Prudence*, the Stock from belonging to sundry Persons, and to cause the same to be valued, presented unto this Assembly an Account and Valuation thereof, as follows, *to wit* :

Received of Capt. <i>Samuel Tompkins</i> , 44 Sheep, at 2 Dollars <i>per</i> Head, 88 Dollars; 1 Yoke of Oxen, 65 Dollars; 2 Yoke Ditto, 100 Dollars; 1 Ox, 30 Dollars; 7 Head of young Cattle, 96½ Dollars; 1 Cow, 18 Dollars,	Lawful Money.			
	£ 119	3	6	
Of Mr. <i>Aaron Chace</i> , 150 Sheep, at £ 12 10 s. £ 1875; 8 Oxen, 600 Weight each, 4800 Weight, at 5 s. 6 d. £ 1320; 8 young Cattle, at £ 92 each, £ 736,	Old Tenor.			
	£ 3931	0	0	147 8 3
Of Mr. <i>Thomas Remington</i> , 4 young Cattle, £ 380; 1 Cow, 450 Weight, at 5 s. £ 112 10 s. 20 Sheep, at £ 13, £ 260,	752	10	0	28 4 4½
Of Mr. <i>Samuel Pearce</i> , 20 Sheep, at £ 12 10 s. £ 250,	250	0	0	9 7 6
Of Mr. <i>Samuel Pearce</i> , jun. 6 horned Cattle, 4270 Weight, at 5 s. £ 1077 10 s. 63 Sheep, at £ 14, £ 882,	1959	10	0	73 9 3
Of Mr. <i>William Fairbanks</i> , one Heifer,	104	0	0	3 18 0
Of <i>Abner Durfee</i> , one Pair Oxen, 1600 Weight, at 5 s. 6 d.	440	0	0	16 10 0
Of <i>Samuel Littlefield</i> , one Pair Oxen, 1400 Weight, at 5 s. £ 350; 20 Sheep, at £ 12, £ 240,	590	0	0	22 2 6
Of <i>Paul Chace</i> , 1 Pair Oxen, £ 536; 59 Sheep, at £ 15, £ 885,	1421	0	0	53 5 9
Of <i>George Allen</i> , 4 young Cattle,	375	0	0	14 1 3
Of <i>Jonathan Remington</i> , 8 Sheep, at £ 13,	104	0	0	3 18 0
Of <i>John Dennis</i> , 4 Oxen and 1 Cow,	1038	0	0	38 18 6
	530 6 10½			
	AND			

£ 530 6s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$   
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 sons, they  
 making Oath  
 to the Justice  
 of their Ac-  
 counts.

AND the said Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are allowed; and that the Amount of each Account be paid to the above named Persons, to whom the same is due, out of the General-Treasury, they first respectively making Oath to the Truth and Justice of their Accounts, before they receive the Amount thereof,



An ACT for the Punishment of Persons who shall be found guilty of holding a traiterous Correspondence with the Ministry of *Great-Britain*, or any of their Officers or Agents, or of supplying the ministerial Army or Navy, that now is or may be employed in *America* against the United Colonies, with Provisions, Cannon, Arms, Ammunition, warlike or naval Stores, or of acting as Pilots on board any of their Ships and Vessels.

Act punishing  
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WHEREAS the Ministry of *Great-Britain* have, for several Years last past, steadily pursued a Plan for subjecting the Inhabitants of the *British* Colonies in *America* to an absolute unconditioned State of Slavery; and have proceeded at length to the burning of our Towns, and spreading Desolation and Slaughter, as far as it hath been in their Power, through the Country, in a Manner totally inconsistent with the Practice of civilized Nations, and unworthy of the Reputation formerly sustained by *British* Troops: And whereas the aforesaid Colonies have been reduced to the fatal Necessity of taking up Arms, in Defence of those inestimable Rights and Liberties, which they derive from the unerring Laws of Nature, and the fundamental

damental Principles of the *British* Constitution; and which they cannot resign but with their Lives: And whereas several of the Inhabitants of the said Colonies, lost to every generous Sentiment of Liberty, of Love to their Country, and Posterity, have kept up a traiterous Correspondence with and supplied the ministerial Troops and Navy, and some of them have acted as Pilots on board their Ships and Vessels, whereby the Safety and Liberties of the said Colonies may be greatly endangered.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That if any of the Inhabitants of the said Colonies, within this Colony, or any of the Inhabitants of this Colony, within any other Colony, shall be found guilty of holding a traiterous Correspondence with the Ministry of Great-Britain, or any of their Officers or Agents, or of supplying the ministerial Army or Navy, that now is or may be employed in America against the United Colonies, with Provisions, Cannon, Arms, Ammunition, warlike or naval Stores, or of acting as Pilots on board any of their Ships or Vessels, he or they so offending shall suffer the Pains of Death, as in Cases of Felony, and shall forfeit his Lands, Goods and Chattels, to the Colony, to be disposed of by the General Assembly as they shall think fit, all necessary Charges of Prosecution, Condemnation and Execution, being first deducted: And that all Offences against this Act shall be cognizable before the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery of this Colony: Provided nevertheless, that the Negotiation and Treaty of the Town-Council with Capt. Wallace, respecting the supplying the Ships of War stationed in the Harbour of Newport, and the Regulations thereof by the Commanding Officer, allowed of by this General Assembly at this present Session, be and the same is hereby excepted out of this Act.*

*AND be it further Enacted by this General Assembly, That this Act be in Force in ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and that a Copy thereof be*

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published in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.



*E. Sprague*  
allowed £ 1  
2 s. 7 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Sprague* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in coming Express from *Block-Island* to *Providence*, by Order of Colonel *Rhodes*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Two Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Ebenezer Sprague*, out of the General-Treasury.

£. 20000 or-  
dered to be  
emitted.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money Bills, be immediately printed, to supply the Treasury, for paying off and discharging all the Colony's Debts, whether on Security or otherwise; and that the Bills be signed by *Metcalf Bowler*, *Henry Ward*, *Joseph Clarke*, *John Cole*, *Thomas Greene*, *John G. Wanton*, and *John Dexter*, Esquires: That all Bills under *Five Shillings* be signed by two of the Committee, and all the other Bills by three of the Committee: That the same shall be a lawful Tender in Discharge of all Contracts, Debts, Dues and Demands, whether of a public or private Nature: That said Bills carry no Interest: That the whole of said Bills be redeemed in five Years from the Time of Emission, by a general Tax to be levied on the Inhabitants of this Colony: And that said Bills shall be of the following Value, *to wit*:

1500	of	40 s. each, is	£ 3000
3000		30 s.	4500
4000		20 s.	4000
5000		10 s.	2500
6000		5 s.	1500
8000		3 s.	1200
12000		2 s.	1200
20000		1 s.	1000
16000		9 d.	600
20000		6 d.	500

Total, £ 20000

WHICH

WHICH Bills shall be of the following Form : “ *The Possessor of this Bill shall be paid, by the General-Treasurer of the Colony of Rhode-Island, Lawful Money, within five Years from the Date hereof. By Order of Assembly. Providence, the Sixth Day of November, A. D. 1775.*” And on the said Bills there shall be the same Impression and Motto, as on the Lawful Money Bills heretofore emitted ; and that said Bills shall be redeemed at the Rate of One Silver *Spanish* milled Dollar for every *Six Shillings*, or other Silver and Gold equivalent, agreeable to the Law of this Colony, declaring what shall be Lawful Money ; and that said Bills be signed in the Council Chamber in *Providence*, and not elsewhere.

WHEREAS the *Viper* Sloop of War took the Sloop *Polly*, *Samuel Barnes*, Master, belonging to *New-York*, bound from *Antigua* to *New-York*, and put a Midshipman as Prize-Master, with several Hands, on board, with Orders to proceed with the said Vessel and Cargo to *Boston*, and also put on board *Isaac Eslick*, of *Bristol*, in this Colony, as Pilot of the said Sloop ; promising the said *Eslick*, that in case he piloted the said Sloop faithfully into the Harbour of *Boston*, they would deliver up to him a Boat taken from him, with the Goods on board her, then in the Possession of one of the Enemy’s Ships : But the said *Eslick*, with two of the Men belonging to said Sloop, who were left on board, having with great Address brought the said Sloop into *Seconet* River, so that she with her Cargo were recovered out of the Hands of the Enemy, and taken into the Possession and Care of General *Esek Hopkins*, and thereby the said *Isaac Eslick* hath lost all Hopes of recovering his said Boat and Goods ; and as in Justice and Equity Satisfaction and Encouragement, in such Cases, ought to be made and given, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars* be paid to the said *Isaac Eslick*, and *Fifty Dollars* to each of the other Persons instrumental in saving the said Sloop and Cargo out of the Enemy’s Hands, out of the Value of the said Sloop and Cargo,

Directions  
respecting the  
Sloop *Polly*  
and Cargo.

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in Proportion to the Properties of the several Owners : And that upon the Payment of the said Sum, together with all the Costs and Charges that have arisen upon the said Sloop and Cargo, since her being in the Possession of the said *Esek Hopkins*, and upon Proof of their respective Properties, the said *Esek Hopkins* deliver the said Sloop and Cargo to the Owners of the same respectively : *David Currie*, one of the principal Freighters of the Goods on board the said Sloop, having appeared before this House, and declared himself satisfied with the above Order.

Report of the  
Committee  
on the Ac-  
count of *D.*  
*Mowry*, jun.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to settle the Account of *Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esq; with the Colony, respecting the Sales of Stock taken from the Islands, and by him sold on the Colony's Account, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with their Report thereon, as follows, *to wit* :

*Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esq; to the Colony of *Rhode-Island* Dr.

To Amount of 297 lean Sheep, sold to <i>Champion</i> and <i>Guy</i> , at 3 s. 6 d.	}	£ 51 19 6
To 65 lean Cattle, sold to sundry Persons,		
To 70 fat Cattle, sold to the Butchers, 44747 Weight, at 20 s. per Cwt.	}	175 10 0
To 405 fat Sheep, 14515 Weight, at 20 s. per Cwt.		
		447 9 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
		145 3 0
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		820 1 10 $\frac{3}{4}$

Creditor.

By Amount of his Account of Time and Expences,	}	£ 10 12 8
By a Loss of <i>Jesse Sanders's</i> Debt,		
		8 11 0
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		19 3 8
Balance due to the Colony,		800 18 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
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		820 1 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
		AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is D. Mowry,*  
*Voted and Resolved,* That the same be and hereby is <sup>jun. to pay</sup>  
 accepted; and that the above mentioned Balance of <sup>into the</sup>  
*Eight Hundred Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Twopence* <sup>Treasury</sup> £ 800 18 s.  
*Three Farthings* Lawful Money, be paid by the said <sup>2½.</sup>  
*Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;* into the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Inhabitants of <sup>Inhabitants of</sup>  
*Nantucket,* upon producing Certificates from the Com- <sup>Nantucket</sup>  
 mittee of Correspondence at *Falmouth,* specifying any <sup>permitted to</sup>  
 particular Articles of Provisions and Necessaries, with <sup>purchase Ne-</sup>  
 the Quantities, may purchase and ship from any Town <sup>cessaries for</sup>  
 in this Colony such Articles, first applying to the Com- <sup>their own in-</sup>  
 mittee of Correspondence, and having inserted in the <sup>ternal Con-</sup>  
 Certificate the Quantity of each Article, and giving <sup>sumption.</sup>  
 his or their Security, in double the Value of the Goods,  
 to transmit to the said Committee of *Falmouth,* within  
 four Months from receiving the same, an Account  
 thereof, with a Certificate from the Select-Men of  
*Nantucket,* that the same was landed there, and was  
 necessary for the internal Consumption of the Inhabi-  
 tants.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene,*  
 and *Gideon Mumford,* Esquires, who were appointed a  
 Committee to examine and adjust the Account of Co-  
 lonel *James Rhodes* with the Colony, presented unto this  
 Assembly a State of his Account, as follows, *to wit:*

Colonel <i>James Rhodes</i> to the Colony of <i>Rhode-Island</i>	State of
Dr.	<i>James</i>
To Cash you received of the Gene- } £ 200 0 0	<i>Rhodes's Ac-</i>
ral-Treasurer,	count.
To Amount of sundries you sold of } 19 12 3	
the Stores which you have charged }	
the Colony, <i>per</i> your Account,	
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	219 12 3
Balance due to <i>James Rhodes,</i>	62 17 7
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	282 9 10
U u	Creditor,
	153

## Creditor.

By Amount of your Account of sundries paid on the <i>Block-Island</i> Expedition,	}	£ 263 19 10		
By Amount of your Account of Pay,		14	0	0
By Ditto, Attendance on Assembly,		2	5	0
By your Attendance 5 Days on the Assembly, at 9 s.	}	2 5 0		
		<hr/> 282 9 10		

*J. Rhodes* allowed £. 62 17 s. 7 d. AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed, and that the Balance thereof, being *Sixty-two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, he paid the said *James Rhodes*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Potter* allowed £. 80 17 s. 9½. WHEREAS *John Potter*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Soldiers employed in getting Stock from *Block-Island*, for the Hire of Boats, pasturing the Sheep, &c. And the said Account being examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who reported a Balance due thereon of *Eighty Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Ninepence Halfpenny* Lawful Money, to the said *John Potter*: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Balance be paid the said *John Potter*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Waterman* allowed £. 7 2 s. 2½. WHEREAS Colonel *John Waterman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for victualling a Number of Soldiers employed in getting the Stock off the Islands, &c. And the said Account being duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who reported a Balance due thereon of *Seven Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny* Lawful

Lawful Money to the said *John Waterman* : Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the said Balance be paid the said *John Waterman*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Bosworth* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services, and sundries by him expended in removing the Stock from the Island of *Prudence* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Nineteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Tenpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Benjamin Bosworth*, out of the General-Treasury. B. Bosworth  
allowed £ 19  
15 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS *Sylvester Gardner*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services, and sundries by him expended in removing the Stock from *Jamestown* : And the said Account being duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who reported a Balance due thereon of *Eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Ninepence Farthing* Lawful Money, to the said *Sylvester Gardner* : Which being considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the said Balance be paid to the said *Sylvester Gardner*, out of the General-Treasury. S. Gardner al-  
lowed £ 8 9 s.  
9 ½

WHEREAS Mr. *George Sheffield*, who was appointed to remove the Stock from *Block-Island*, presented unto this Assembly a Number of Accounts, by sundry Persons charged against the Colony, for their respective Services, and sundries by them expended in performing said Business : And the said Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seventy-two Pounds Four Shillings and Sevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid out of the General-Treasury. £ 72 4 s. 7 d.  
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sundry Per-  
sons

Treasury to the several Persons to whom the same is due respectively, as mentioned in said Account, *to wit* : To Isaac Thompson Five Pounds One Shilling and Eightpence, Peleg Pendleton Sixteen Pounds Five Shillings and Threepence, Hannab Parks Eight Pounds Three Shillings, Wait Rathbun Twenty four Pounds One Shilling, George and James Sheffield Three Pounds Two Shillings and Tenpence, George Sheffield Eleven Pounds One Shilling and Tenpence, and Samuel Beebe Four Pounds Nine Shillings.

*J. Mather* =  
for allowed  
£ 2 10 s.

WHEREAS Colonel John Mathewson exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for sundry Expences, and billeting the Light-Infantry Company, who marched to *Greenwich*, at the Time of the Alarm, when the ministerial Fleet were coming up the River: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said John Mathewson, out of the General-Treasury.

£ 400 allow-  
ed to com-  
pleat the  
Row-Gallies.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Ambrose Page, Esq; be requested to procure the two Row-Gallies belonging to the Colony to be immediately compleated fit for Service: And that he draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money, for the Purpose aforesaid.

*L. R. Bliven*  
allowed £ 1  
11 d.

WHEREAS Mr. Isaac Ross Bliven presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Medicines by him furnished, and for Attendance on sundry sick Soldiers in the Colony's Service: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, be paid to the said Isaac Ross Bliven, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS



WHEREAS a Number of Accounts were laid before this Assembly, by sundry Persons charged against the Colony, for their respective Services, and fundries by them supplied for the Use of the Troops who went to *Bristol* on the Alarm of the seventh Instant: And the said Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and are hereby allowed; and that the several Sums by them charged be paid out of the General-Treasury, to the Persons to whom the same are due respectively, as follow, *to wit*: To *Benjamin Wardwell* Two Pounds Two Shillings, *Stephen Smith* Two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Twopence, *Nathaniel Martin* Sixteen Shillings and Fivepence, *Benjamin Bosworth* Six Pounds Six Shillings and Fivepence, *Josiah Finney* Fifteen Shillings and Elevenpence, *William Pearce* Four Pounds, *Aaron Bourn* Two Pounds Six Shillings and Eightpence, *Peter Church* One Pound Three Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny, and *William Arnold* One Pound Eleven Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny.

£ 21 14 s.  
10 d allowed  
to sundry  
Persons.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Gardner* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services in removing the Stock off *Jamestown*, fundries by him expended, and keeping the Cattle, Sheep, &c. Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being Two Pounds Ten Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Benjamin Gardner*, out of the General-Treasury.

allowed £ 2  
10 s. 7½.

WHEREAS Col. *Nathaniel Martin* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Ferriages, and fundries supplied the Soldiers, who went on the Alarm to *Bristol* on the seventh Instant: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny of the said Account be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Martin*, out of the General-Treasury.

*N. Martin* allowed £ 2  
11 s. 3½.

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WHEREAS

*P. Pearce* allowed £ 1  
12 s.

WHEREAS Major *Preserved Pearce* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Soldiers who went to the Island of *Prudence*, in the Time of the Alarm : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money thereof, and no more, be allowed and paid the said *Preserved Pearce*, out of the General-Treasury.

*W. Arnold* allowed £ 2  
6 s. 11 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Arnold* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Soldiers, who went on the Island of *Prudence*, in the Time of the Alarm : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Six Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money of the said Account, and no more, be allowed ; and that the same be paid the said *William Arnold*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Phillips* allowed £ 147  
12 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who were appointed a Committee to settle and adjust the Account of *Peter Phillips*, Esq; Commissary, with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, and reported that they had carefully examined and adjusted the same, and that a Balance of *One Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Tenpence Halfpenny* Lawful Money is due from the Colony to the said *Peter Phillips* : And the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*. That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and that said Balance be paid the said *Peter Phillips*, out of the General-Treasury.

*C. Bowler* allowed £ 40  
4 s. 0 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Bowler* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for baking One Hundred and Fifty-one Barrels of Flour for the Army of Observation raised by this Colony : And the said Account being examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who reported the Sum of *Seventy-seven*

*seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money due thereon, deducting therefrom the Sum of *Thirty-seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eightpence Three Farthings* Lawful Money, due from the said *Charles Bowler* to *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, and which was not charged in the said *Tillinghast's* Account against the Colony: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Balance of said Account, being *Forty Pounds Four Shillings and One Farthing* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Charles Bowler*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Greene* (of *Newport*) exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for seven Blankets delivered *William Richmond*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Four Pounds* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Thomas Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

*T. Greene* allowed £ 4.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Sherman* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against *William Richmond*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, for two Dozen Codlines, delivered said *Richmond* for the Use of the Colony: Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Seven Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Benjamin Sherman*, out of the General-Treasury.

*B. Sherman* allowed £ 3 7 s.

WHEREAS To-morrow, the eighth Instant, is the last Day of filing Declarations to *Newport November Court*; and this General Assembly sitting longer than was first expected, may prevent some Persons from filing Declarations in Season, as several of the Attornies have been detained by this Assembly: *It is therefore*

Time for filing Declarations to *Newport Inferior Court* lengthened.

*fore Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for filing Declarations to said Court be lengthened out to *Saturday* next, the Eleventh Instant.

*J. Northup*  
allowed £ 44  
15-s. 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

WHEREAS Mr. *Natbaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who were appointed a Committee to settle and adjust the Accounts of *John Northup*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, with the Colony, represented unto this Assembly that they had carefully examined and adjusted the same, and reported a Balance of *Forty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Three Farthings* Lawful Money due from the Colony to the said *John Northup*: And the said Report being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that said Balance be paid to the said *John Northup*, out of the General-Treasury.

Statute of Li-  
mitations  
repealed.

WHEREAS a Number of Persons, considering the distressed Situation of their Debtors, occasioned by the Restrictions of Trade, have not commenced Suits against them for the Recovery of their just Debts, and thereby, if the Statute of Limitations in personal Actions should continue in Force, may lose the same.

*B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the Statute of Limitations in personal Actions be and the same is hereby repealed.

*J. Stanton* to  
pay into the  
General-  
Treasury  
£ 140.6s. 1d.

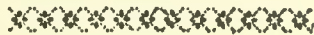
WHEREAS Mr. *Natbaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who were appointed a Committee to examine and adjust the Accounts of *Joseph Stanton*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, with the Colony, represented unto this Assembly that they had carefully examined and adjusted the same, and reported a Balance of *One Hundred and Forty Pounds Six Shillings and One Penny* Lawful Money due from the said *Joseph Stanton* to the Colony: And the said Report being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby

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is accepted; and that the said Balance be paid by the said *Joseph Stanton*, into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Col. *Joseph Noyes* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for billeting and furnishing Provisions for a Number of the Soldiers employed to get the Stock off *Block-Island*: And the said Account having been examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who reported the Sum of *Ten Pounds Eighteen Shillings and an Halfpenny* due thereon: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Ten Pounds Eighteen Shillings and an Halfpenny* Lawful Money be paid to the said *Joseph Noyes*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money be paid to Mr. *Thomas Wells*, out of the General-Treasury, for a Gun lost in the Expedition to *Block-Island*.



## An A C T declaring the Office of Governor of this Colony vacant.

WHEREAS this General Assembly, at the Session held at *Providence*, on the First *Wednesday* in *May* last, made and passed an Act (for divers weighty Reasons therein mentioned) to prevent the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; who was chosen Governor of this Colony, at the General Election held on the said First *Wednesday* in *May*, from acting in the said Office; which Act hath been continued from Session to Session until now, without proceeding to declare the said Office vacant, from a tender Regard to the said *Joseph Wanton*, and in order to give him an Opportunity of making due Satisfaction for his former Conduct, and of convincing this General Assembly of his friendly Disposition to the United Colonies

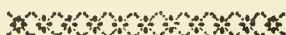
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lonies in general, and to this Colony in particular : And whereas the said *Joseph Wanton*, by the whole Course of his Behaviour since the Passing the said Act, hath continued to demonstrate that he is inimical to the Rights and Liberties of *America*, and is thereby rendered totally unfit to sustain the said Office : And whereas the Calamities of the present Times make it necessary for this General Assembly to avail themselves of the Advantages given them by Charter, and the fundamental Principles of the Constitution :

*THIS General Assembly do therefore Resolve and Declare, and by the Authority thereof it is Resolved and Declared, That the said Joseph Wanton hath justly forfeited the Office of Governor of this Colony ; and that thereby the said Office is become vacant.*



£ 32 0s. 2½  
allowed to  
sundry Per-  
sons.

WHEREAS sundry Persons laid before this Assembly Accounts, by them charged against the Colony, for billeting a Number of Persons who went to the Assistance of the Town of *East-Greenwich*, to disperse the Rioters assembled with *Stephen Arnold*, Esq; in *September* last : And the said Accounts being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *Stephen Arnold's* paying *Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money of said Expence, the following Sums be paid out of the General-Treasury, to wit : To *William Arnold* Ten Pounds and Threepence Halfpenny, *Preserved Pearce* Five Pounds Five Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny, *Oliver Arnold* Four Pounds One Shilling and an Halfpenny, *Richard Mathewson* Eleven Pounds Seven Shillings and Tenpence, and *Caleb Arnold* One Pound Five Shillings and Five Pence.

*J. Hoxfie. W.*  
*Richmond,*  
and *J. Cooke,*  
appointed  
special Jus-  
tices of the  
Superior  
Court.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Hoxfie, William Richmond,* and *John Cooke*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed special Justices, to hear and determine in sundry Causes, between *Royzel Smith* and others, pending before the Superior Court to be held

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at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the County of *King's County*, on the *First Monday* in *April* next, in the Room of *Metcalf Bowler*, and *William Greene*, Esquires, who were Referees in said Causes, and *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; who is absent, and final Judgment on said Report to make, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

WHEREAS *Henry Ward*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon his Honor the Deputy-Governor at *Cambridge*, to assist the Committee appointed by the Continental Congress to confer with General *Washington* upon the best Methods for forming, establishing and regulating a Continental Army: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Henry Ward*, out of the General-Treasury.

*H. Ward* allowed £ 7 4s.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Gideon Mumford*, and *Thomas Greene*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *James Cotterell*, and *Ezekiel Burr*; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to audit the Accounts of *J. Cotterell*, and *E. Burr*.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been held at *East-Greenwich*, in and for the County of *Kent*, on the *Third Monday* of *October* last past, fell through for Want of a sufficient Number of Justices attending: *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted*, That all Business civil or criminal, which was to have been heard and determined at said Court, be continued to the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, to be holden at said *East-Greenwich*, on the *Fourth Monday* of *April* next; and that all Executions returnable to said *October* Term,

Superior Courts in *Kent* and *Bristol* revived.

Term be returned into the Clerk's Office of said Court, within ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, in Default whereof any Person aggrieved may call a special Court against either the Sheriff or his Deputy, who shall neglect to return said Execution, in the same Manner as by Law he might for not making Return of said Execution in due Season, if said Court had sat.

AND whereas the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been holden in the County of *Bristol*, in *April* and *October* Terms last past, fell through for Want of a sufficient Number of Justices attending; *Be it Enacted*, That said Court be revived, and that *Thursday* the sixteenth Instant be appointed for holding said Court at said *Bristol*; and that all Business, civil or criminal, that was to have been heard at either of said preceding Terms, be then and there heard and determined; and that all Executions returnable to either of said Terms, be returned to said Court; and in Default thereof, the Party aggrieved may call a special Court, in the same Manner as is above directed; and that the Jurors who were returned to serve at the last Term of said Court, be notified to attend at the present Court.

Clark and  
Nightingale  
allowed £ 1  
6s.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Clark* and *Nightingale* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against *Henry Ward*, Esq; for Paper delivered him for the Use of the Secretary's Office: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Six Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Clark* and *Nightingale*, out of the General-Treasury.

Deeds of the  
Estates of G.  
Rome and  
others, not  
made before  
the fifth Day  
of October, to  
be void.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That any and all Deeds or Conveyances of any of the real Estates of *George Rome*, *Jabeel Brenton*, and *Benjamin Brenton*, all of *Newport*; of *Ralph Inman*, *Gilbert Deblois*, and *Samuel Sewall*, all of *Boston*; of *Thomas Hutchinson*, late  
of

of *Boston*; of *Thomas Moffatt*, now or late of *New-London*; of the Heirs of *Andrew Oliver* and *John Borland*, both late of *Boston*, deceased, lying and being within this Colony, made and executed by any of them since the fifth Day of *October* last past, and not placed to Record at or before that Time, or that hereafter may be made, be and the same are hereby declared void, to all Intents and Purposes whatever.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay off all the Notes issued for Old Tenor, and that the Interest cease the fifteenth Day of this Inst. *November*; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to give Notice accordingly.

Treasurer to pay off Old Tenor Notes.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Rules and Orders for regulating the Army of Observation raised by this Colony, made and passed by the General Assembly, at the Session held at *East-Greenwich*, on the Second Monday in *June* last, be and the same are hereby extended to the Regiment now ordered to be raised and embodied for the Defence of this Colony; and that said Regiment be governed thereby.

Articles of War extended to the Regiment now ordered to be raised.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all the Mortgage Deeds, Bonds and other Securities, belonging to the Grand Committee's Office, be immediately removed from the Town of *Newport* to the Town of *Providence*, by the Keeper of the said Office; and in case that he shall decline removing the same, it be done by the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*; and that they be lodged in the Secretary's Office, until further Orders from the General Assembly.

Grand Committee's Office to be removed.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Crane* presented unto this Assembly the following Confession and Declaration, *B. Crane's Declaration:*

*to wit:*

*To the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, now sitting at Providence.*

SOME Time about the twelfth Instant I was on board a Sloop near *Hope-Island*, that formerly belonged

ed to Mr. *John Brown*, of *Providence*, and then in the Care of *Thomas Gilbert*. The Reason I went on board said Sloop was, that I heard said *Gilbert* was on board, and thought he might be serviceable to me in getting some Money which I have due in *Boston*, and when I was about to return Home, I was persuaded by said *Gilbert* to take a Number of Letters to his Friends in the Country; and I acknowledge I am heartily sorry I have been guilty of so imprudent a Conduct, as it since appears to me to be; and I heartily beg Forgiveness of your Honors, and promise that my future Conduct shall be agreeable to my Confession, as I am fully determined to risque my Life and Fortune in the Cause of *American Liberty*. These are the free and voluntary Sentiments of your Honors most humble Servant,

BENJAMIN CRANE.

AND the said Confession and Declaration being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be satisfactory to this General Assembly, and therefore the said *Benjamin Crane* is discharged from his Confinement; and that his Boat be delivered to him, he paying all the Charges of his being apprehended, and of his Confinement.

Declaration  
of *A. Cleveland*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ambrose Cleveland* presented unto this Assembly the following Confession and Declaration, to wit:

*To the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, now sitting at Providence.*

WHEREAS the Memorial of *Ambrose Cleveland* acknowledges he is wrong in signing *Brigadier Ruggles's* Association under Colonel *Gilbert*, and training under said *Gilbert* for two Days, and going to *Boston*, and working at the King's Works, and likewise of my saying I could pilot the Fleet as far *Bowers's*; all which I am heartily sorry for, and for the future I am determined to stand for the Rights and Liberties of my Country,



Country, as far as lies in my Power : I therefore beg the honorable House will forgive me, and pray that I may be received as a Friend to my Country. I am, with Regard, your Honors most obedient humble Servant,  
AMEROSE CLEVELAND.

AND the said Memorial being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Ambrose Cleveland* be discharged from his Confinement, upon Condition that he immediately proceed to *Freetown*, of which he is an Inhabitant, and that he does not on any Pretence remove out of said Town for one Year from the Date hereof, and paying all the Charges of his being apprehended, and of his Confinement.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ezekiel Burr* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going Express on public Business, warning the Members of the General Assembly to meet in their Recess, and divers other Services : And the said Account having been duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who were appointed a Committee for that Purpose, who reported a Balance due thereon of *Ten Pounds Fourteen Skillings and Fivepence* Lawful Money to the said *Ezekiel Burr* ; which being considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be accepted ; and that said Balance be paid the said *Ezekiel Burr*, out of the General-Treasury.

*E. Burr* allowed £ 10  
14 s. 5 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, *N. Mumford*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Services in auditing the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, Horse-hire and other Expences : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and hereby is allowed ; and that the same be paid out of the General-Treasury to each of the Committee, as follows, that is to say, to the said *Nathaniel Mumford* *Twelve Pounds*

*N. Mumford*,  
*T. Greene*,  
and *G. Mumford*, allowed  
£ 31 5 s. 8 d.

*Pounds Fifteen Shillings, Thomas Greene Seven Pounds Six Shillings and Eightpence, and Gideon Mumford Eleven Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence.*

*N. Mumford, T. Greene, and G. Mumford, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly another Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Services in settling the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, &c. And said Account being examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Sum of Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings Lawful Money thereof be paid to the said Nathaniel Mumford, Three Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence to the said Thomas Greene, and Four Pounds to the said Gideon Mumford, out of the General-Treasury.*

Committee  
to fortify.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Joseph Brown and Essek Hopkins be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to go through this Colony, and determine in what Places it may be necessary to erect Batteries or Entrenchments for the Defence of this Colony, and in what Towns to provide Field Pieces, specifying the Number, the Bore and Weight of Metal, and also whether any Fire-Ships are necessary, and what Number, and in what Places it will be proper to sink Hulks, &c. That the said Committee make Report to the Grand Committee of Safety, appointed to act during the Recess of the General Assembly: That the Commander in Chief of this Colony call the said Grand Committee together to consider of the said Report, by advertising them, and all the Members of the General Assembly, of the Time and Place of meeting, by an Advertisement to be inserted in the *Newport Mercury* (if continued to be published) and *Providence Gazette*, one Week before the Time of meeting: That the said Grand Committee take the same into Consideration, and in case they shall approve the said Report, or any Part thereof, the said *Joseph Brown* and *Essek Hopkins* be empowered to carry the same into Execution; and, under the Direction of the said*

Grand

Grand Committee, to draw such Sums of Money out of the General-Treasury, as shall from Time to Time be necessary for the said Purposes; and that the Troops ordered at this Session to be raised, be employed in the aforesaid Service as much as may be.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Cotterell* presented unto this Assembly two Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, employed in the public Service, in going on sundry Expresses by Order of public Authority: And the said Accounts having been duly examined by Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, who reported a Balance due on the first Account of *Two Pounds Five Shillings*, and on the other Account of *Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money: Which being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said Report be accepted; and that said Balances be paid to the said *James Cotterell*, out of the General-Treasury.

*J. Cotterell* allowed £ 2 5 s. also 12 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Wightman*, jun. presented unto this Assembly the following Petition and Declaration, *to wit*:

Petition and Declaration of *G. Wightman*, jun.

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. now sitting at Providence.*

WHEREAS your Honors have been pleased to admit of my Prefence, wherein I endeavoured to relate the plain Truths respecting my being accused of supplying the Enemy, and now have no just Reason to imagine that I have deviated from it, except that I am too apt to speak with an unbecoming Warmth, in Justification of my own Conduct; therefore I pray your Honors may forgive and consider my Weakness and Inability to address such a Number of worthy Members, who are constituted to represent this our unhappy Colony, and again be intreated to hear patiently your humble Petitioner's present unhappy Situation, with those of my aged and honored Parents,

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Wife,

Wife, and Children ; I hereby acknowledge that I have heretofore from Time to Time, as Opportunity in public and private may have offered, been inimical to the just Rights and Privileges of this my native Country, and was fully persuaded that the Right and Power of his present Majesty, and all the Laws enacted by him and his Ministers, were and ought ever to be binding in all Cases on every Subject in *Britain* and *America* ; but your Honors may be and are hereby assured, that I never have supplied or agreed to supply any Ship or Vessel belonging to his Majesty, except by Compulsion, notwithstanding I was of this Sentiment ; and seeing the present Destruction and Calamities of my Country in general, and this Colony in particular, with the cruel and horrid Exertions of his Majesty's Forces put in Execution against us, I utterly deny and abhor these their Proceedings ; and if your Honors may be intreated to suffer me again to be admitted to your Favours, and to the Favour of all my distressed Countrymen, I hereby heartily engage, from a just Conviction of my erroneous Sentiments, that I will for the Time to come lend all my reasonable Assistance in endeavouring to oppose the present Proceedings of his Majesty's Ministers against this once happy Country, and do hereby sincerely implore the Forgiveness of this Honorable General Assembly ; and that I may be restored to their Favours, I do hereby promise that my future Conduct shall be subservient to the Rules of the Honorable the Continental Congress, and the Orders of this Honorable Assembly.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN, jun.

AND the said Memorial being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be satisfactory to this General Assembly ; and that the Petitioner be discharged, upon Condition that he does not go a freighting in his own Boat or any other for the Term of six Months from the Date hereof, and pay all Charges which have arisen upon his being apprehended and confined.

*It is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, Esquires, be  
and

and they are hereby appointed to wait on the Honorable the Continental Congress as soon as conveniently may be, to receive of the said Congress what is due from the United Colonies to this Colony, and to give Discharges; and that they carry all the Accounts and Vouchers with them.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Delegates of this Colony at the Continental Congress, and Mr. Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford, Esquires, who are appointed a Committee to receive the Money due from the United Colonies to this Colony, or any three of them, are hereby fully empowered finally to adjust the Accounts carried by the said Committee, and to make such Deductions therefrom as shall appear to them contrary to the Allowances made to the other Colonies, and reasonable.

WHEREAS the Honorable Darius Sessions, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Memorial, to wit :

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, to be holden at Providence the Thirtieth Day of October, A. D. 1775.*

THE Memorial of Darius Sessions, of said Providence, humbly sheweth, That at a Session of the General Assembly in April last, an Act passed for raising and embodying Fifteen Hundred Men, for the Defence of the Colony, &c. against which your Memorialist entered a Protest, expressed in Terms which greatly displeased the General Assembly and the good People of the Colony, for which he is very sorry, and now craves their Forgiveness; and as he is in Principle a Friend to the Liberties of America, it is his Determination to unite and co-operate with his Countrymen in defending all our invaluable Rights and Privileges. I am, Gentlemen, your humble Servant,

DARIUS SESSIONS.

AND



AND the said Memorial being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted; that it is fully satisfactory to this General Assembly, and that the Honorable *Darius Sessions*, Esq; be received into their Favour and Friendship.

THE Return of the Choice of Officers, for the United Artillery Company in the County of *Providence*, was read in Council, and is as follows, *to wit* :

Officers of  
the United  
Artillery  
Company in  
the County  
of *Provi-*  
*dence*.

*Levi Hall* Lieutenant-Colonel, in the Room of *Daniel Hitchcock*.

*Elibu Robinson* Major, in the Room of *John Crane*.

*Robert Taylor* Captain, in the Room of *Elibu Robinson*.

*Daniel Stillwell* Lieutenant Fire-Worker.

WHICH being duly considered by the Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are approved.

Report of  
the Com-  
mittee upon  
the General  
Account.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to settle and adjust the Account of this Colony with the United *American Colonies*, presented unto this Assembly the following State of said Account, together with their Report thereon, *to wit* :

The United <i>American Colonies</i> to the Colony of <i>Rhode-Island</i> Dr.		
To Amount of <i>William Rickmond's</i> Account, one of the Committee of Safety, as <i>per</i> his Account Current,	}	£ 4111 0 1
To Amount of <i>William Bradford's</i> Account, <i>per</i> Ditto,		
To Amount of <i>John Smith's</i> Account, <i>per</i> Ditto,	}	10564 9 10
To Amount of <i>Daniel Tillinghast's</i> Account, <i>per</i> Ditto,		
To Amount of <i>Jacob Greene's</i> Account, <i>per</i> Ditto,	}	6619 2 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
To Amount of <i>John Northup's</i> Account, <i>per</i> Ditto,		
To Amount of <i>John Northup's</i> after Ac- count, <i>per</i> Ditto,	}	142 14 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
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To Amount of <i>Joseph Stanton's</i> Account, per	}	£	1114	14	0
Ditto,					
To Amount of <i>James Rhodes's</i> Account, for	}		280	4	10
taking Stock from <i>Block-Island</i> ,					
To Amount of <i>John Potter's</i> Account, for Ditto,			80	17	9½
To Amount of <i>Sylvester Gardner's</i> Account, for	}		26	18	4¾
taking Stock from <i>Jamestown</i> ,					
To Amount of <i>Benjamin Gardner's</i> Account,	}		2	10	7½
for Ditto,					
To Amount of <i>Benjamin Bosworth's</i> Account,	}		19	15	10
for taking Stock from <i>Prudence</i> ,					
To Amount of <i>William Arnold's</i> Account,			4	1	4
To Amount of <i>Benjamin Shearman's</i> Account,			3	7	0
To Amount of <i>Thomas Greene's</i> Account,			4	0	0
To Amount of <i>Ebenezer Sprague's</i> Account,			1	2	7
To Amount of the Balance of <i>Peter Phillips's</i>	}		147	12	10½
Account,					
To Amount of <i>John Waterman's</i> Account,			7	2	2½
To Amount of <i>George Sheffield's</i> Accounts,			72	4	7
To Amount of <i>Joseph Dennison and Company's</i>	}		374	1	10
Account,					
To Amount of <i>Joseph Noyes's</i> Account,			10	18	0½
To Amount of <i>Charles Bowler's</i> Account,			77	18	9
To Amount of <i>James Angell's</i> Account for	}		1813	19	0
Powder, &c. he being one of the Committee					
for warlike Stores,					
To Amount of the Colony's Small-Arms, Pi-	}		1473	8	8
stols, &c. per Account,					
To Amount of 120 24 lb. Shot, Weight 1	}		20	14	8
Ton, 3 Hd. 4 lb. at £ 18,					
To 6 24 lb. Cannon,			408	13	0
To 6 18 lb. Cannon,			240	10	8
To 6 Pair of Carriages, with cast Iron Wheels,	}		180	0	0
at £ 30 per Pair,					
To Rammers, Spunges, Wormers, Ladles, &c.			20	0	0
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In Pursuance of the Appointment of the Honorable the General Assembly, to settle the Accounts of the Committee of Safety and others, we have carefully  
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examined said Accounts, with all the Vouchers, stated the Accounts separately, drawn the Balances due on said Accounts in particular, and have made the above general Account of the Amount of said Accounts; all which we submit to your Honors.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,  
THOMAS GREENE,  
GIDEON MUMFORD.

*Providence, November 8, 1775.*

AND the said Report being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

*J. Waterman* WHEREAS Mr. *John Waterman* exhibited unto this  
allowed 12 s. Assembly an Account, by him charged against the  
6 d. Colony, for his Time and the Hire of his Horse and  
Chaise to *Providence*, to carry Powder and Ball for  
the Expedition on *Prudence*, &c. And the said Ac-  
count being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,  
That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the  
Amount thereof, being *Twelve Shillings and Sixpence*  
Lawful Money, be paid the said *John Waterman*, out  
of the General-Treasury.

*J. Dennis's* WHEREAS Mr. *John Dennis* presented unto this As-  
Memorial. sembly the following Memorial, *to wit*:

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of  
Rhode-Island, &c. now sitting at Providence.*

THE humble Representation and Memorial of *John Dennis*, of *Prudence-Island*, in the Township of *Portsmouth*, in said Colony, Merchant, humbly sheweth, That your Memorialist deems it his greatest Happiness to have been born and educated in a Country where the Love of Liberty, to an eminent Degree, is the Characteristic of its Inhabitants, and rejoices that he is allowed the Favour of making Application to this Honorable Assembly, who have nobly exerted themselves, in a most just and patriotic Opposition to that System

System of Tyranny and Despotism designed for enslaving the *American* Colonies : He has ever gloried in being a Freeman of this Colony, and a warm Friend and Well-wisher to the Liberties of *America* : He has always justified the Measures of the Continental Congress, in Opposition to the *British* Ministry, and is ready to contribute his full Proportion, and give all reasonable Assistance, towards prosecuting the present War, justly undertaken in Defence of the United *American* Colonies : That these have been his general Sentiments, he appeals to those who have been conversant and acquainted with him ever since this unhappy Dispute subsisted between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies : But, *Humanum est errare* ; it is peculiar to Mankind to commit Errors, and the best may slip at an unguarded Hour.

It is a great Grief to your Memorialist, that he has by any Means given Cause for any to suspect him as inimical to his Country : He prays Liberty to represent the Circumstances which have occasioned this Suspicion. It is true, some Conversation passed between him, Mr. *Aaron Chace*, and Mr. *Thomas Dennis*, as contained in the Evidence : He never thought of supplying the least Article to our Enemies, until it was accidentally mentioned in that Discourse ; but the Prospect of a very great Profit arising therefrom, and not properly minding that which chiefly ought to have been considered, the inestimable Value of the *American* Cause, the Cause of our Country, ourselves and Posterity, led him foolishly to entertain Discourse respecting the Matter so far as he did : But upon the Reception of Mr. *Chace's* Advice, and when he came seriously to reflect upon the Folly and Wickedness of supplying our inveterate Enemies, although the Gain might be ever so great, he was immediately sorry that he had expressed any Thing that might have a Tendency that Way, and never did any Thing in Consequence of that Conversation.

With Respect to the Evidence given in by Mr. *Thomas Dennis*, your Memorialist saith, that he had  
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been applied to by several Gentlemen in *Newport*, to procure them Potatoes for the Use of their respective Families ; and therefore he applied to him to freight them to *Newport*.

IN REGARD to those Potatoes which he has now by him at *Prudence*, he solemnly declares that he had not the least View or Intention of selling them for the Use of the *British* Army or Navy, or of any of our Enemies, or of putting them in such a Situation that they would probably fall in their Way ; but that he purchased them with a sole View of sending them to *Carolina* : To these Facts he is ready to make solemn Oath.

THESE are the Circumstances which have caused a Suspicion, that he is inimical to the *American* Colonies, a Suspicion which gives him the greatest Anxiety, because he is conscious of his Innocency, and is very loth to incur the Displeasure of the Public : He can have no ill Design against his Country ; it would be contrary to his Interest and Principles ; his Expressions in his Conversation have never favoured of Disaffection or Malice to the Liberties of his Countrymen ; he has spoken two Orations in their Favour at public Commencements in this Town ; he has only offended in the aforementioned Instance, for which he is extremely sorry, and as he wishes well to the *American* Cause, and is heartily willing to do his best Endeavours to assist in supporting it, he hopes that your Honors will not be severe against him for this Offence : He is extremely sorry that his Imprudence has given your Honors this Trouble : He prays for your Clemency and Compassion, and that if your Honors are satisfied with this his Declaration, which he solemnly affirms to be true, that you would be pleased to dismiss him from his present Arrest, and as in Duty bound will ever pray, &c.

JOHN DENNIS.

AND the said Memorial being duly considered by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be  
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be and hereby is accepted ; that it is satisfactory, and that therefore the Petitioner be discharged.

WHEREAS Mr. *Arthur Dennis* presented unto this Petition of Assembly the following Petition, &c. to wit : *A. Dennis.*

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. now sitting at Providence.*

ARTHUR DENNIS, of *Prudence Island*, humbly sheweth, That some Time in the Month of *July* last past, he was informed that Mr. *Samuel Pearce* had said that he the said *Arthur* had given Intelligence to Capt. *Wallace* respecting the Packet which was taken by Capt. *Abraham Whipple*, of which the said *Arthur* was entirely innocent ; this caused him to enter into Conversation with the said *Pearce* about the Matter, as mentioned in his Evidence now before your Honors, when he told him that he possibly might have an Opportunity of conveying Intelligence, and making much thereby, but that he scorned doing such a Thing ; but upon being threatened to be confined on board Capt. *Whipple's* Privateer, and other Conversation passing, the said *Arthur* was put in a violent Passion, which caused him to express himself in a very indecent unbecoming Manner, as mentioned in Mr. *Pearce's* Evidence.

Soon after Mr. *William Pearce* told him, that the said *Samuel Pearce* designed to have him put on board Capt. *Whipple's* Sloop, which made the said *Arthur* very imprudently express himself in the Manner as mentioned in said *William Pearce's* Evidence, respecting giving Intelligence to said *Wallace*, in order that he might take the said *Samuel Pearce* : But he the said *Arthur* never did give any such Intelligence ; and has since, although much unwell, appeared under Arms in Defence of the Colony, when the Town of *Bristol* was inhumanly attacked and fired upon by the Ships of War : He the said *Arthur* also did imprudently express himself to Capt. *Angell*, and *Samuel Olney*, as

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in their several Evidences before your Honors, owing to Passion and sudden Surprize.

BUT he the said *Artbur* humbly represents to your Honors, that although the said Expressions were rash and unadvised, yet he has always been a Friend and Well-wisher to all the Measures undertaken in Opposition to that System of Tyranny designed by the *British* Parliament to the *American* Colonies : And he is now both in Principle and Inclination determined to support and maintain the Defence of *American* Liberty by all Means in his Power, against those unjust and tyrannical Measures which are now pursuing by the *British* Ministry ; and is determined at the Risque of his Life and Fortune to stand or fall with the *Americans* in their present Defence.

HE is very sorry for this Trouble which he has given your Honors, and the Loss of his Reputation ; but he promises to your Honors, that his future Conduct shall be according to the Resolutions of the Continental Congress, and this House, and therefore prays your Honors that he may be restored to your favourable Opinion and Protection. The said *Artbur* being now very much unwell, prays your Honors that he may be dismissed, and as in Duty bound will ever pray.

ARTHUR DENNIS.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Acknowledgment and Declaration be and the same is hereby accepted ; that it is satisfactory to this Assembly, and that therefore the Petitioner be discharged.

Sheriff of  
*King's County*  
to take into  
Possession the  
Estate of *S.*  
*Sewall*

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's County* immediately take Possession of those Lands and Estates, lying partly in *North-Kingstown* and partly in *Exeter*, in said County, lately claimed by *Samuel Sewall*, and now in Possession of *Nicholas Gardner*, Esq; that he rent the same to the present

present Tenant at the Rent he now gives, provided he gives Bond to the General-Treasurer for the Rent, as well for the back Rent as the future.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Committee appointed to sign the Bills of Credit, ordered to be printed by this Assembly, also procure the Paper for that Purpose; and that one or other of the said Committee continually attend the Press during the printing of the Bills.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Books of Record, Files of Papers, and other Things, belonging to the Offices of the Clerks of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery for the County of *Newport*, and the Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the same County, and of the Town-Clerk of *Newport*, be removed immediately by the said Clerks respectively from the said Town, to some Place of Safety upon the Island of *Rhode-Island*; and that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Act to the said Clerks.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Col. *James Arnold*, jun. be empowered to procure Plank and Timber, making Platforms for the Guns at the Battery at *Pawtuxet*.

Col. *J. Arnold* to make Platforms for the Battery at *Pawtuxet*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Messieurs *Joseph Brown*, *Jabez Bowen*, and *Joseph Snow*, jun. or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to carry on, at the Expence and Risque of the Colony, the Manufacture of Saltpetre: That they collect as great a Quantity of Materials as they think they shall be able to use: That they draw the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* out of the General-Treasury, for the said Purpose; and that this Assembly will make them a suitable Allowance for their Services.

Committee to make Saltpetre.

*IT.*

**General Hopkins** to appoint a Secretary to the Regiment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That General Hopkins have Power to appoint a Secretary for the Regiment now raising for the Defence of the Colony; and that he have the same Wages as General Greene's Secretary has.

**Commissary** to be appointed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That there be a Commissary and Sutler appointed for the Troops under the Command of General Hopkins; that he be allowed *One and an Half per Cent.* Commissions, and that he give Bond to the General-Treasurer, with one Surety, in the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*.

**Company in Charlestown** divided. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Trained Band or Company of Militia in the Town of *Charlestown* be divided into two Companies, by a Line beginning where the Meadow-Brook empties itself into the Salt-Pond, and thence running Northerly to *Quacompaug* Pond, from thence to the Great Cedar-Swamp, and from thence, as the Brook runs through said Swamp, until it comes to the great River: And that the East Part of said Town be the Second Company.

**Officers chosen**. BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit* :

*Officers for the Regiment ordered to be raised at the present Session.*

*William Richmond*, Esq; Colonel.

*Gideon Hoxsie*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel.

*Benjamin Tallman*, Esq; Major.

*Caleb Gardner* Captain, *Benjamin Fry* Lieutenant, and *Jonathan Wallen* Ensign, of the First Company.

*Peter Church* Captain, *Caleb Carr* Lieutenant, and *Peleg Heath* Ensign, of the Second Company.

*Job Pearce* Captain, *Malachi Hammet* Lieutenant, and *Benjamin Burlingham* Ensign, of the Third Company.

*Thomas Wells* (the 2d) Captain, *Augustus Stanton* Lieutenant, and *Peleg Berry* Ensign, of the Fourth Company.

*Christopher*

*Christopher Manchester* Captain, *Walter Palmer* Lieutenant, and *Jonathan Deval, jun.* Ensign, of the Fifth Company.

*William Barton* Captain-Lieutenant, *Charles Lippit* Lieutenant, and *Squire Fiske* Ensign, of the Colonel's Company.

*Peter Wanton* Captain-Lieutenant, *James Wallace* Lieutenant, and *John Rogers* Ensign, of the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company.

*Charles Dyer* Captain Lieutenant, *Zerobabel Westcoat* Lieutenant, and *Royzel Smith* Ensign, of the Major's Company.

*Nathan Miller* Commissary and Sütler to the Troops under the Command of General *Hopkins*.

*Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety for the County of *Newport*, in the Room of *William Richmond*, Esq; chosen a Field Officer.

*Benjamin Page* Captain of the first Row-Galley that shall be equipped.

#### *Officers for the Militia.*

*Joseph Pendleton* Captain, *Joshua Pendleton* Lieutenant, and *John Pendleton* Ensign. of the First Company in *Westerly*.

*Joseph Case, jun.* Captain, *John Mowry* Lieutenant, and *John Brown, jun.* Ensign, of the Third Company in *North-Kingstown*.

*Amos Greene, jun.* Captain, *Beriah Lewis* Lieutenant, and *Peleg Hoxsie* Ensign, of the Second Company in *Charlestown*.

*Thomas Tefft* Captain, *Jonathan Maxson* Lieutenant, and *Newman Herring* Ensign, of the Second Company in *Richmond*

*Smiting Potter* Ensign of the First Company in *Richmond*.

*William Peckham* Ensign of the First Company in *South-Kingstown*.

*Ray Sands* Captain, and *Samuel Potter, jun.* Lieutenant, of the Third Company in *South-Kingstown*

*Joseph Jenckes* Captain, *Sylvanus Bucklin* Lieutenant, and *William Wilbour* Ensign, of the Company of Minute-Men in *Smithfield*.



THE Honorable *NICHOLAS COOKE*, Esq;  
Governor. Engaged.

THE Honorable *WILLIAM BRADFORD*, Esq; De-  
puty-Governor. Engaged.

*Joshua Babcock*, Esq; Major-General of the Colony's  
Forces.

*W. Wheaton's*  
Inlistment  
declared  
void.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Inlistment of  
*William Wheaton*, Esq; under Capt. *Whipple*, on board  
the Colony's Sloop of War, be and the same is here-  
by declared to be void: That on all Judgments  
of Court against said *Wheaton*, upon which Executions  
have issued, and were returned unsatisfied by Virtue  
of said Inlistment, the Parties have Leave to take out  
alias Executions, returnable into the Clerk's Office  
within one Week from the Rising of this Assembly; and  
that said *Wheaton* receive no Wages by Virtue of his  
Inlistment; aforesaid.

Governor to  
write to Ge-  
neral *Wash-*  
*ington*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the  
Governor be requested to write to his Excellency  
General *Washington*, reminding him of the Forces  
stationed on *New-Shoreham*, in the Continental Service,  
that the Time of their Inlistment will soon be up, of  
their Want of Pay, Cloathing, &c. and whether he  
proposes to take any Methods for the engaging the  
Officers in that Department, and inlisting the Soldiers;  
and to advise as to their future Station on said Island  
or elsewhere, and also to give his Excellency a State of  
the Stock there.

*J. Hawkins*  
allowed £ 3  
15 s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Job Hawkins* presented unto this  
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the  
Colony, for Medicines and Attendance on *Marmaduke*  
*Waterman*, a Mariner, who was wounded on board the  
Sloop *Washington*, in the Colony's Service: And the  
said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and*  
*Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed;  
and that the Amount thereof, being *Three Pounds Fif-*  
*teen Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Job*  
*Hawkins*, out of the General-Treasury.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Paul Allen* be appointed to adjust all the Accounts for the Supply of the Troops under the Command of General *Hopkins*, up to the present Time; and that upon the said Accounts being passed by the General, the said *Paul Allen* draw a sufficient Sum of Money out of the General-Treasury to pay the same. *And it is further Voted and Resolved*, That the several Captains of the said Troops make out the Muster-Rolls of their several Companies, which being certified by the General, and returned to the respective proper Members of the Committee of Safety, shall entitle the Officers and Men to their Wages.

*P. Allen* to adjust the Accounts of the Troops on *Rhode-Island*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Brigadier General *Esek Hopkins* be appointed to have the Care, Charge and Management, of the several Estates by him ordered to be taken into Possession of the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, until further Orders from this Assembly.

*E. Hopkins* to have the Care of the Tory Estates in the County of *Newport*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Regiment now to be raised under the Command of General *Hopkins*, have the same Allowances, and be supplied in the same Manner, as our Troops under the Command of General *Washington*.

Officers of the Regiment to be allowed the same Rations as the Continental Army.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, with the Consent of Mr. *John Brown*, That the Colony will purchase the Sloop *Katy*, as she now is, with her Boats, Stores and Appurtenances, at the Rate of *Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars*: That the said *John Brown* be allowed the Hire of said Sloop, at the Price agreed upon, from the twelfth Day of *June* last to this Day, out of the General-Treasury: And that in case the said Sloop be taken or lost before this Day, that then the said *John Brown* shall receive out of the General-Treasury the said *Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars*, with Interest from the said twelfth Day of *June*, in full Compensation, without any Allowance for Hire.

Sloop *Katy* purchased.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety supply and pay the Regiment ordered at this Session

Committee  
of Safety to  
supply the  
Regiment,  
&c.

Session to be raised : That the Captains and Subalterns of the said Regiment shall enlist the following Number of Soldiers, who shall pass Muster before the respective Members of the Committee of Safety in whose District the Officer lives, before they receive their Commissions, that is to say, each Captain Twenty Men, and each Lieutenant and Ensign Fifteen Men : That in case any Officer shall not, within twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, return into the Secretary's Office a Certificate, from the Committee of Safety, of his having enlisted the Number of Men required of him, he shall forfeit his Commission, and his Place become vacant : And that each Officer, as soon as he has enlisted the above Number, proceed with them to the Head-Quarters on *Rhode-Island*.

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ing.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thursday* the Twenty-third Day of *November*, 1775, be observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving throughout this Colony ; and that his Honor the Governor be requested to issue a Proclamation accordingly.

Cannon to be  
carried to  
*Newport*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That General Hopkins have the Liberty of carrying from *Providence* to *Rhode-Island* two Eighteen Pound Cannon, and two Nine Pound Cannon, with the Field Carriages, for the Defence of the Colony ; and that his Honor the Deputy-Governor, General Hopkins, and Mr. *Joseph Brown*, put two more Eighteen Pounders on Field Carriages immediately.

Wages al-  
lowed to the  
Officers who  
served on  
*Rhode-Island*.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *William West* be allowed Fifteen Pounds Lawful Money per Month, Col. *William Richmond*, Col. *John Cooke*, and Col. *Pardon Gray*, Twelve Pounds each per Month, and in Proportion for a less Time, for their Service in heretofore assisting General Hopkins in Defence of the Colony.

*E. Sheldon* al-  
lowed £ 6  
0 s. 6 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Sheldon*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Providence*, exhibited  
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unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of divers poor Prisoners committed at the King's Suit, and also for making some necessary Repairs on said Gaol: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*. That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Six Pounds and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Edward Sheldon*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff be instructed to permit *James Hill* to make Sale of the Goods he has now for Sale on Commissions, the Property of *Gilbert Deblois*: That he account and pay monthly to the General Treasurer of this Colony for the Sale of said Goods, at the same Rate he was under Contract with the said *Deblois*: That he render an Account upon Oath of what Money, Debts and Effects he hath in his Hands of the said *Gilbert Deblois*, and that an Inventory be taken thereof by the Sheriff.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for sweeping and cleaning the Court-House, &c. and for his Attendance on the Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That there be the same Number of Officers, and of the same Kind, appointed for the Row-Gallies, as are appointed for the Sloop *Katy*: That the Officers and Men of the Row-Gallies receive the same Wages as are allowed to the Officers and Men of the Sloop *Washington*: That *Ambrose Page*, Esq; be empowered to enlist the Men for the said Row Gallies, to pay them one Month's Pay advance, and to equip and fit them compleatly for the

*J. Hill* permitted to sell his Goods.

*D. Branch* allowed £ 2 4 s. 6 d.

Officers of the Row Gallies, and their Wages.

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Service;

Service: And that the Officers of the Row-Gallies, not chosen, be appointed by Brigadier General *Hopkins*, and be commissioned accordingly.

*S. Harris* allowed £ 1  
4<sup>s</sup>.

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Harris* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services in going Express to *Little-Rest*, on public Business, by Order of the Committee of Inspection for the Town of *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *One Pound Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be paid the said *Stephen Harris*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to receive from the late Governor the Charter, &c.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That 'Capt. *Joseph Anthony*, Brigadier General *Esek Hopkins*, and Mr. *Paul Mumford*, be a Committee to receive of the late Governor, *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; the Charter of this Colony, the Letters and other Things in his Hands belonging to the Colony, and deliver the same to his Honor *NICHOLAS COOKE*, Esq; the present Governor; and that the same Committee receive of the late Deputy-Governor, *Darius Sessions*, Esq; the Duplicate of the Charter, and such other Things in his Hands as belong to the Colony, and deliver the same to his Honor *WILLIAM BRADFORD*, Esq; the present Deputy-Governor.

Act appointing *J. Clarke* Naval-Officer repealed.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Act appointing *James Clarke* Naval-Officer, passed at *May Sessions* last, be and the same is hereby repealed: And that his Honor the Governor appoint a Naval-Officer, as by Law he is empowered.

Committee to enquire the Price of Muskets.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, Mr. *John Fenckes*, and Col. *William West*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire at what Price good Muskets, for the Use of the Continental Army, can be made in this Colony: And that his Honor the Governor be requested to write to  
General



General *Washington*, informing him of the Price, and desiring his further Advice and Direction.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commissary of the Regiment, ordered to be raised this Session, draw out of the General-Treasury the Monies he may be under the Necessity of advancing, instead of the Committee of Safety.

Commissary to draw Money out of the General-Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor, Mr. *John Jenckes*, and Col. *William West*, or any two of them, be a Committee to enquire at the neighbouring Furnaces at what Price the Cannon proposed to be procured for the Use of the Colony can be got; and that they make Report to the Grand Committee, appointed to act during the Recess of the General Assembly.

Committee to enquire the Price of Cannon.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Paul Mumford*, *William Vernon*, and *John G. Wanton*, for the County of *Newport*; *John Lrown*, *James Angell*, and *Henry Ward*, for the County of *Providence*; *Josua Babcock*, for *King's County*; *Simeon Potter*, and *Cromel Child*, for the County of *Bristol*; and *Jacob Greene*, for the County of *Kent*, be a Committee to collect a well authenticated Account of the Hostilities committed by the ministerial Troops and Navy within this Colony since *March* last, with proper Evidence of the Truth of the Facts related, the Number and Value of the Vessels inward and outward bound which have been seized by them since that Period, as near as the Number and Value can be ascertained, and also the Stock taken by them from different Parts of the Colony.

Committee to take an Estimate of the Damage done by the Enemy.

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Commander in Chief of the Forces raised in this Colony, and the Officer commanding a Detachment or out Post, be and hereby are empowered to administer an Oath, and swear any Person or Persons to the Truth of any Information or Intelligence, or any other Matter relating to the public Service.

Commanding Officer empowered to administer an Oath.

*IT*

Committee  
to draw Mo-  
ney out of  
General-  
Treasury.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Grand Committee, appointed to act in the Recess of the General Assembly, draw such Sums of Money out of the General-Treasury, as shall be necessary for the Use of the Government.

*Bristol to  
choose a De-  
puty in the  
Room of W  
Bradford,  
Esq;*

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the Speaker of the Lower House issue his Warrant, directing the Town of *Bristol* to choose a Deputy, in the Room of the Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD. Esq; who is chosen Deputy-Governor.

Adjourn-  
ment.

*IT is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this General Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary proclaim the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the Colony, by him to be transmitted to the several Town Clerks in the County: And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned until the Second *Monday* in *January* next, then to meet at *Providence*.

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